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In Post-Cold War Era, A New Set of Dangers World Terrorism and Violence Decline, But Experts Warn of 'New Tribalism'

By Thomas W. Lippman Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — The global headlines of this early summer have offered scant encouragement to those who believed that the end of the Cold War might lead to a new era of peace and stability, a "new world order."



JERUSALEM BUS TRAUMA — A shaken policeman passing outside a bus that was the scene of a Palestinian attack Thursday. Two men opened fire, killing a passenger. They later hijacked a car, whose driver was killed during a failed escape attempt. Page 2.

New Trade Boss Insists on a Pact in '93

By Roger Cohen New York Times Service GENEVA — Declaring that "it is simply not good enough for international leaders to mouth good intentions about trade," Peter Sutherland became the world's top trade official on Thursday and said the core of a long-delayed world trade agreement must be hammered out in Tokyo next week.

With a Nod To Europe, Germany Cuts Interest Rates

Bonn's Spending Curbs Also Led Bundesbank To Significant Easing

By Brandon Mitchener International Herald Tribune LEIPZIG, Germany — Worried about Europe and impressed by Bonn's latest efforts to cut deficit spending, the Bundesbank on Thursday matched recent moves by Germany's neighbors to ease credit and stimulate economic growth.

Hatred of U.S. Hasn't Wrought Iraq-Iran Amity

By Caryle Murphy Washington Post Service BAGHDAD — Although Iran and Iraq share billing on the Clinton administration's hostile-governments list and have sought new ways to work together, broad cooperation between the two Gulf neighbors appears blocked by a legacy of suspicion, bitterness and clashing national outlooks.



FUN IN THE MILITARY — Recruits of the new Lithuanian Army, heads shaven, going through their training routine at Vilnius.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Tehran to see if they respond to the U.S. "dual containment" policy by making common cause. A senior administration official in Washington called Iran "the one avenue" that President Saddam Hussein of Iraq was able to exploit.

Britain Is Cool to Larger UN Council

UNITED NATIONS, New York (Reuters) — Britain reacted coolly on Thursday to the idea of expanding the United Nations Security Council, while France said it would consider new members but shied away from endorsing permanent seats for Japan and Germany.

South Africans' Visit to U.S. Might Fizzle

By Steven A. Holmes New York Times Service WASHINGTON — When two South African leaders — Nelson Mandela and President Frederik W. de Klerk — agreed in May to visit the United States, it was the hope of both, and of the Clinton administration, that the visit would be "Mandela II" — a triumphant sequel to Mr. Mandela's 1990 U.S. tour.

The Great Paper Chase: Famous Scribbles in Demand

By Janny Scott Los Angeles Times Service LOS ANGELES — Deep beneath the grimy surface of Manhattan, in a shimmering white vault cooled to 68 degrees, lie 20,000 linear feet of manuscripts — from Truman Capote's notebooks to George Washington's handwritten recipe for beer.

In Hanoi Property Boom, Now the Byword Is 'Buy'

By Kevin Murphy International Herald Tribune HANOI — Once sleepy, communist Hanoi is abuzz with deal-making amid a renovation and property boom in which prices paid by foreign companies for prime office and residential locations rival those of Hong Kong and New York.

Table with market data including Dow Jones (Down 5.54), Trib Index (Up 0.43%), and The Dollar exchange rates.

PEOPLE

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With New Asylum Law, German Borders Clang Shut

BONN — Paramilitary police began turning back refugees at German borders Thursday as a restrictive asylum law took effect.

In an about-face on an immigration policy that allowed more than 2 million asylum-seekers to cross into the country since 1989, at least 112 refugees were stopped before dawn Thursday after crossing into Germany from Poland and the Czech Republic.

All were sent back to those two countries, which are considered safe nations under Germany's new asylum law. They had come originally from Ukraine, Romania, Eritrea, Pakistan, India, Algeria and elsewhere.

About 80 were caught trying to sneak into Bavaria from the Czech Republic. A border police outpost in the East German city of Frankfurt an der Oder said it turned back 32 illegal refugees who crossed over from Poland.

Reports from other border control points were not yet in. Germany's border with the Czech Republic and Poland is 1,244 kilometers (766 miles) long.

Most of the 438,000 asylum-seekers who have crossed into Germany in the past year have used Poland and what is now the Czech Republic as transit countries.

Before Thursday, refugees could simply arrive and ask for asylum. Foreigners have stayed years as authorities have considered their requests.

Under the new policy, asylum-seekers who arrive from a European Community country or one bordering Germany will be immediately sent back to those nations, since all Germany's neighbors are considered democracies that observe human rights.

Refugees already in Germany will be deported if they are unable to prove they are fleeing persecution. "I'm just waiting for a knock on the door," said Trifit Calderas, a Romanian Gypsy at a Bonn asylum shelter. Germany considers Romania a safe country, although Mr. Calderas and other Gypsies say they face persecution there.

Neighboring countries, fearful that the refugees

Germany rejects will be dumped on them, are preparing to bolt their own doors.

"After the Cold War we were going to build a common European house," said Herbert Leuninger, spokesman for Pro-Asyl, a German lobby for refugees. "But instead we're building a European fortress, surrounded by walls."

Germany's 44-year-old asylum policy, written into its constitution to atone for the Nazis' persecution of foreigners, essentially let all refugees stay for an unlimited time. Politicians scrapped the policy because they said it was draining social welfare coffers.

Some politicians also hoped that decreasing the number of refugees would enable the police to quell skinhead violence against foreigners. But acts of violence have increased since parliament approved the measure in May.

The new law essentially seals off Germany to asylum-seekers who try to enter the country by land. Those arriving by airplane or ship will have a chance to prove they are fleeing a country that is at war or run

by a dictator. They will be kept for a maximum of 19 days while awaiting a ruling.

To enforce the law, Germany is adding 1,300 paramilitary border guards to the 2,400 already stationed at the Polish and Czech frontiers.

At Frankfurt's airport, 100 extra immigration officials joined 800 already deployed in checking passports and interrogating arrivals.

Germany signed a treaty this year that obligates Poland to take back asylum-seekers, and it is negotiating a similar treaty with the Czech Republic. Poland in turn is planning its own repatriation treaties, which would require fellow former Soviet bloc lands to take back most asylum-seekers.

Stefan Teeloeken, a spokesman for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said the result could be "chain deportations," with truly threatened people being passed from country to country until they end up in their own homelands or some other unsafe place.

WORLD BRIEFS

Yeltsin Cites Test Ban Goal With U.S.

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris N. Yeltsin said Thursday that he and President Bill Clinton had agreed to push for a global nuclear test ban, and he declared that Russia would not be the first to test another nuclear weapon.

"Our goal is to turn the moratorium on nuclear testing into a process that would unite all of the nuclear five," Mr. Yeltsin said, referring to Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States. Russia's one-year unilateral moratorium expired Thursday, and Mr. Yeltsin said the government would meet Friday to approve an extension, the Interfax news agency reported.

He said the question of an international treaty with other nuclear states would be raised at the Group of Seven economic summit meeting next week in Tokyo.

El Salvador Prepares Military Purge

SAN SALVADOR (AP) — The armed forces on Thursday were set to purge the high command of officers accused of human rights violations during El Salvador's 12-year civil war.

Under an agreement by the government of President Alfredo Cristiani, Defense Minister Ramon Ernesto Ponce was to be replaced during Thursday's official ceremony by Colonel Humberto Corado Figueroa, according to a statement released by the military press office.

General Ponce was named in a March report issued by a UN-backed commission as the person who ordered an American-trained battalion to kill six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter during a fierce rebel offensive in late 1989. The purging of the armed forces was among the principal promises made by the Cristiani government under UN-brokered peace accords struck with the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front in January 1992.

China Plays Down Hong Kong Panel

BEIJING (AP) — A new committee formed to prepare for Hong Kong's return to Chinese rule in 1997 will not interfere with British administration of the colony before then, Chinese officials said Thursday.

Many in Hong Kong fear that the committee will become a "second power center," acting as a mouthpiece for Beijing in challenging the colonial government's decisions. Chinese officials already have moved to undermine the Hong Kong government's authority by announcing which policies they will overturn after 1997.

London on Thursday, the Hong Kong governor, Chris Patten, said after talks with Prime Minister John Major that Britain would be forced to make unilateral decisions about Hong Kong's political future if China kept balking at British proposals.

40 Die in Indonesian Plane Crash

JAKARTA (AP) — An Indonesian airliner crashed Thursday in a remote eastern province, killing at least 40 people, an airline spokesman said. The Fokker-28, carrying 43 people, was approaching Jember Airport in Sorong, about 2,700 kilometers northeast of Jakarta, said Agus Sudjono, a spokesman for the private Merpati Nusantara Airlines.

Mr. Sudjono said he did not know the cause of the crash or if any foreigners were aboard the flight. The survivors were unconscious and treated at a hospital. A Merpati Twin Otter crashed in Nabire in mid-June, killing the engineer and injuring the pilots.

In Spain, King Meets Basque Radical

MADRID (AP) — King Juan Carlos I met Thursday with a representative of the radical Basque coalition Herri Batasuna, the first meeting between the monarch and the political party that represents the armed Basque separatist group ETA.

A text of the meeting between the king and Jon Idigoras, a Herri Batasuna member of the Cortes, was not immediately available. But Mr. Idigoras was expected to call on the government to recognize the failure of "police measures" to deal with what the separatists claim are legitimate political demands for sovereignty.

The meeting was one of 11 such sessions that the king is holding with representatives of the political parties that won seats in the new parliament on June 6. Herri Batasuna, which fell from four seats to two, is the political wing of ETA. The Socialists have refused to negotiate with the separatists until they lay down their arms.

Britain Freezes New Aid for Nigeria

LONDON (Reuters) — Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said Thursday that Britain was freezing new aid to Nigeria until a democratically elected civilian government was installed in its former colony and shown to be working unhindered.

Mr. Hurd said limited military sanctions that the British government imposed last week would remain in force until democracy was restored. The sanctions were in response to the annulment of the June 12 presidential elections by Nigeria's military rulers.

When Britain imposed the military sanctions, it said new aid would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, but stopped short of a complete freeze.

Hague Ministry Is Bombed by Leftists

THE HAGUE (AP) — A bomb went off in the Social Affairs Ministry on Thursday in the latest attack by a leftist group protesting roundups of illegal immigrants. A toilet was damaged but no one was injured.

The Revolutionary Anti-Racist Group took responsibility for the pre-dawn bombing, aimed at the agency within the ministry that tracks down illegal foreign workers. The group has switched targets from big business to government in recent years.

For the Record

President Bill Clinton's choice for ambassador to Germany is Richard Holbrooke, 52, a New York investment banker. Thomas M.T. Niles, a career diplomat, has been named ambassador to Greece. Robert Huxford, deputy assistant secretary of state for African affairs, has been named envoy to the new state of Eritrea. (AP)

TRAVEL UPDATE

The Belgian Foreign Ministry warned its citizens on Wednesday against traveling to Zaïre and said it was concerned for the safety of Belgians living in the former Belgian colony. (Reuters)

South Korea lifted a ban on Chinese tourists Thursday, but it will continue to curb individual trips because of security concerns, Justice Ministry officials said in Seoul. South Korea established diplomatic relations with China last year, but the two have allowed civilian visits only on business visas. (AP)

Taiwan and Germany will open direct air links next week with Condor, a subsidiary of Germany's Lufthansa, beginning July 5 and with Mandarin Airlines, owned by the Taiwanese flag carrier, China Airlines, in early August. Both will run two round-trip passenger flights and one cargo flight a week between Taipei and Frankfurt with a stopover in Bangkok. (Reuters)

Striking pilots grounded Cyprus Airways on Thursday and threatened an open-ended strike next week. The pilots say a government decision to tax meals and accommodation allowances will eat up a quarter of their income. They want the airline to make up the difference. (Reuters)

United Airlines is to begin flights Oct. 7 between New York and São Paulo, with continuing service to Rio de Janeiro. Its schedule will involve daily southbound and northbound service. (Reuters)

Expulsions by Greece Hit 17,000

ATHENS — The police said Thursday that they had expelled more than 17,000 people in their campaign to deport an estimated 100,000 Albanian illegal immigrants.

The deportations began Saturday, one day after Albania expelled a Greek Orthodox cleric whom it accused of spreading anti-Albanian propaganda.

Greece and Albania have exchanged angry words since then. Greece accuses its neighbor of oppressing its ethnic Greek minority and the Orthodox Church. Albania accuses Greece of intransigence, saying that indiscriminate expulsions violate the Albanians' human rights.

U.S. Urged to Set Entry Toll

WASHINGTON — Seeking to curtail illegal immigration, a California senator has called for tough enforcement measures that include a toll on entering the United States. The revenue would be used to beef up the Border Patrol.

A \$1-per-person "transit fee" on pedestrians and passengers crossing U.S. borders would have raised about \$400 million last year, said Senator Dianne Feinstein, Democrat of California. She told the Senate that the sum would have more than doubled the Border Patrol's current annual budget.

She introduced a six-point plan that proposes to increase penalties for smugglers convicted of transporting illegal immigrants, deport illegal immigrants who commit felonies to serve their sentences in foreign prisons and amend current laws to prevent Medicaid abuses by nonresidents.

Immigration experts said the border toll proposal would take years to carry out and would require millions of dollars to build and staff toll booths. They pointed out that delays at border crossings would grow longer and that the Mexican government could reciprocate by charging its own fees.



Polish travelers in the border town of Frankfurt an der Oder during an inspection Thursday, the day the law went into effect.

UN Troops Flee Clashes In Bosnia

ZAGREB, Croatia — Intensive fighting throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina on Thursday forced UN troops to flee, withdraw or abandon their posts in three areas as the 16-month-old war appeared headed for another turn for the worse.

In another setback for the operation, Serbian forces controlling a road to Sarajevo refused to allow a UN aid convoy through unless it paid tolls ranging from \$140 for cars to \$700 for armored vehicles. They said the fees were for road repairs. Lyndall Sachs, spokeswoman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Belgrade, said her agency would not pay.

In eastern Bosnia, Serbian artillery pounded the UN-declared safe area of Gorazde, breaking a ceasefire declared last month and forcing UN military observers to quit their posts because of the danger.

A UN spokesman in Zagreb said that military observers had counted 70 shells landing in the town by noon. Shelling continued throughout the afternoon, he said, but no casualty figures were available.

The attack on Gorazde underscored the deteriorating security situation in Bosnia following the formal abandonment of the Vance-Owen peace plan and an agreement in principle between Serbian and Croatian forces to divide the country into three separate states.

The military situation appeared likely to deteriorate further. On Wednesday, Croatian forces in Bosnia announced a general mobilization. Also, UN officials said indications from the Muslim-led government in Sarajevo had led them to believe it would continue to fight rather than accept partition.

Sarajevo radio said that Muslim forces had advanced 16 kilometers (10 miles) in intense fighting against Croatian forces near the southern city of Mostar. The fighting forced Spanish UN troops to leave the city and return to their headquarters to the north.

In north-central Bosnia, Serbian and Croatian paramilitaries attacked Muslim forces in a strategic triangle delimited by the cities of Zepce, Maglaj and Zavidovici, on the country's main north-south highway. A UN spokesman reported constant shelling of Zepce. British units withdrew from the area.

2 Die in Jerusalem Bus Attack and Auto Chase

JERUSALEM — Two Palestinian gunmen opened fire Thursday aboard a crowded bus in Jerusalem, wounding two people and killing one, and then hijacked a car in an escape attempt that ended when they and the Israeli woman driving the car were killed at an army roadblock.

Given the large number of passengers on the bus — about 80, in the morning rush hour — the bloodshed might have been considerably worse, the police said, had it not been for a combination of fortune and quick action by the bus driver, who was himself shot in a struggle with the gunman.

The raid was by far the most severe terrorist attack since late March, when the government, after a month of repeated violence, imposed a ban that has prevented Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip from entering Israel, including Arab sections of Jerusalem.

Gradually, the territorial closing has been eased to allow in thousands of Arab workers. There was no sign that the crackdown would be reinforced anew Thursday

after the shootings, which were followed by a series of blasts as the gunmen hurled explosives during their cross-city getaway attempt.

"If anything was proved, it's that the closure is quite necessary," Police Minister Moshe Shahal said, arguing that because of it, soldiers and policemen had been able to stop the terrorists as they were about to escape from Jerusalem in the direction of Bethlehem.

Nonetheless, officials from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had cautioned that it was impossible to seal off the territories "hermetically," or to promise that there would be no more attacks, especially in Jerusalem, whose residents are not affected by the travel ban.

No Arab group claimed responsibility for the raid. But the Israeli authorities said that the unidentified gunmen belonged to Hamas, a militant Islamic group that fiercely opposes the Middle East peace talks and that was the main target of mass deportations of accused extremists to Lebanon in December last year.

Lieutenant General Ehud Barak, the Israeli Army chief of staff, said a pistol

used by the assailants had the word "Hamas" engraved on the handle.

One oddity with no clear explanation was the fact that a Hamas member from Gaza, said to be a long-wanted fugitive, was one of those wounded on the bus.

It was not certain whether he had been among the attackers, or whether his presence was a coincidence, albeit a bizarre one. Israel Radio, leaning toward the former theory, reported that bullets had been found in the man's pocket and that after being taken to the hospital, he repeatedly uttered the Muslim affirmation "God is great."

Rabin's Disappointment

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Thursday that he was disappointed with a new U.S. document aimed at bridging Israeli-Palestinian differences. But he added that the two sides were "beyond the point of no return toward peace." Reuters reported from Paris.

"I will not comment on the details," Mr. Rabin said, adding, "I am disappointed about these changes." He was speaking at

a news conference at the start of a visit to Paris.

The United States, saying it wanted to bridge a gap that had prevented Palestinians and Israelis from making any progress in the current round of talks, gave the two sides a draft of ideas Wednesday on how to move negotiations forward. Details were not disclosed.

The Palestinian side expressed "extreme displeasure" with the draft and said the American ideas could not advance the talks.

But Mr. Rabin did say there was "room for discussing" the document.

"I have reasons to believe the negotiations and contacts will continue," he said, adding, "Both the Arab side and the Israeli side have passed the point of no return on the road to peace."

The current round of talks has been bogged down on the issue of whether to include Arab East Jerusalem in an interim arrangement for Palestinian self-rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Palestinians have been demanding that it be included; the Israelis have refused.

Isolated in Gaza, Without Cash or Ways to Earn It

GAZA CITY — In a fenced-in lot filled with braying donkeys, horses, sheep and clouds of dust, Nael Sarsak was testing the new realities of life without Israel.

He was sitting on a wooden cart drawn by a strong white donkey with no name. Mr. Sarsak, 19, is the father of one child, and his wife is expecting their second. The summer heat at the Gaza outdoor animal market had brought beads of sweat to his brow, but not a buyer for his donkey.

Like many Palestinians here, Mr. Sarsak is being forced down the economic ladder. Only a few months ago he made a living driving his car to the West Bank every day and selling children's clothes sewn in Gaza. Then, when Israel closed off the Gaza Strip and West Bank, he sold the car and tried to make a living inside the strip, selling melons off the back of the cart drawn by the white donkey.

Now he is taking another step down, trying to sell the donkey for a high price and buy an old, weaker donkey for less — and use the proceeds to buy food for his family.

His story illustrates what has happened in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip since it

was closed three months ago after a wave of stabbings in Israel. Chronically poor, Gaza had become dependent on the powerful engine of the Israeli economy. More than 40,000 Gaza workers went to Israel each day for jobs in construction and farming. This provided a third of Gaza's income, and the workers spent their money on taxis to go to work and on goods and groceries sold by Gazans inside the strip.

But under the closure, the number of workers allowed into Israel has been cut by more than half. Gaza is returning to an earlier, simpler era, falling back on what few resources it can muster on its own.

Instead of cars, which are expensive to maintain, there is a new demand for donkeys. Palestinians are digging into their savings, calling their relatives abroad for help, selling their televisions in the public square — anything to get by.

This bleakness may also foreshadow the future of Gaza. Palestinians have long demanded an end to the Israeli occupation, which began when Israel captured Gaza in the 1967 Middle East war, and there is growing sentiment among Israel's leaders to withdraw from the strip. But if set loose from Israel, Gaza will be a primitive economy, a tiny industrial base,

a rudimentary infrastructure and few natural resources. It will need billions of dollars from overseas to rebuild, or it will sink further into despair.

The pain of the current closure is eased by summer, when produce is plentiful and many family members return to Gaza from Arab states for vacation, often bringing U.S. dollars and Jordanian dinars.

But the effects of the closure can still be seen in the donkey market, which is held every Friday morning.

It begins after sunrise and is over by 10 A.M. Owners pay a small fee, then crowd their donkeys, sheep and horses into the dusty lot and begin looking for buyers. Near the end, when sellers get desperate, spontaneous auctions begin. A young man climbs atop a cart and shouts to the crowd, "100 dinars!" That's the price for the donkey and cart. Another sways the donkey to make him look strong and frisky.

On the crowded streets and back roads, donkeys pulling carts have always been a fixture of the Gaza scene. They haul everything from watermelons to schoolchildren. During the *intifada*, the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation, donkeys were allowed on the streets during strike days, when cars were not.

But recently, donkeys have become everyone's transportation of choice.

When access to Israel was open, it was common for a newly married Palestinian man to invest the gold from his dowry to buy a car, preferably a rugged vehicle that could survive Gaza's rutted streets and oppressive scorching climate. The driver used the car as an unlicensed taxi, taking five men to the Ever checkpoint for work, and five back, for about 85 cents apiece each way. A good driver could clear \$20 or more a day.

Those who got permits to leave Gaza also could make money with a car. Mr. Sarsak, for example, drove daily to the West Bank and, when he got back early enough, picked up passengers. "But I sold the car when the closure started," he said. "I couldn't get to the West Bank, and it was time to renew the insurance and the license. I didn't have the money."

The closure changed life for a lot of drivers. Those who were making a small profit before found they still had the insurance and licensing expenses, but no paying passengers and no business outside the strip. So many of them did what Mr. Sarsak did. He sold his car at a loss and bought the donkey and cart.

GATT: New World Trade Chief Insists That Agreement Must Be Reached Before Year's End

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and the European Community's trade commissioner, Sir Leon Brittan, had promised him progress in Tokyo, and that he would feel double-crossed if this failed to materialize.

"It is essential," he said, "that the United States, the Community, Japan and Canada provide the launching pad for the tabsoff of negotiations in Tokyo. Rhetoric about the importance of the Uruguay Round is not good enough. I am a facilitator. But I cannot facilitate a lack of will."

The last four economic summit meetings have all failed to advance the trade negotiations, which began in Uruguay in 1986. The talks, more ambitious than any of their

predecessors since GATT was established in 1948, are aimed at increasing world prosperity by lowering or removing tariff and other barriers to trade. They also aim to incorporate whole new areas of economic activity — including services and intellectual property — into GATT regulations and so expand commerce in these areas.

To avoid a fifth, humiliating failure to advance the Uruguay Round at the summit meeting, trade officials from the United States, Japan, Canada and the European Community have been holding talks aimed at reaching a "market access" agreement that could be announced in Tokyo and would be an important part of an overall GATT accord.

The market access talks aim to

lower existing high tariffs on products that include textiles, clothes, agricultural goods and wood products, eliminate tariffs altogether in some areas like pharmaceuticals, and set out reciprocal arrangements in new GATT spheres like the protection of copyrights and the establishment of financial services in foreign markets.

But, apparently irked by U.S. threats to impose duties on European steel products, French leaders, including Prime Minister Edouard Balladur and President François Mitterrand, have recently balked, saying no market-access agreement will be possible in Tokyo.

"I am extremely worried by the French attitude," Mr. Sutherland said. "If any one country is intent on bringing down the multilateral

trading system, I'd be very surprised. But if there is such a country, it should say so."

Without a Tokyo agreement, an overall accord by Dec. 15 would become much less likely. The December deadline has to be met if President Bill Clinton is to have time to use legislation enabling him to negotiate trade agreements and submit them to Congress for speedy consideration with no amendments allowed.

But recent signs, including the U.S. Commerce Department's decision last month to impose punitive tariffs on imports of steel from 20 countries, have not been encouraging. Mr. Sutherland urged Mr. Clinton to show what he called "real leadership" in striving to settle such disputes to advance the

Disgruntled Postal Workers: Which Will Go Ballistic?

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service, which has experienced a large number of shootings and other violent episodes among its ranks, has begun a study to determine the type of employee most likely to commit such acts.

The study, following two recent shootings at post offices in California and Michigan, has raised concerns among some workers — especially Vietnam veterans — that the service might be on the verge of imposing unfair scrutiny or restrictions on them.

Paul Griffin, a spokesman for the Postal Inspection Service, said officials hoped the study would identify "eight or nine characteristics or common denominators" among employees who have been involved in shootings, assaults or threats of violence.

The study began last month with an analysis of about 2,000 postal employees drawn from the files of the Postal Inspection Service, a list that was later winnowed to "a statistical sample" of 300 cases deemed representative of the larger group, he said.

In the past 10 years, 34 people have been killed and 20 wounded in 12 post office-related shootings.

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★ POLITICAL NOTES ★

Clinton Initiatives Downgraded in the House

WASHINGTON — House Appropriation Committee members have agreed to little more than half of what President Bill Clinton sought in increased spending for initiatives to revamp the economy, strengthen families and expand job opportunities.

The initiatives, once at the heart of the Clinton plan, have been downgraded in the face of limited resources, a worse-than-expected deficit and congressional resistance to cutting established programs.

Representative John E. Porter of Illinois, a senior Republican on the committee, contended that Mr. Clinton had "fared fairly poorly" in promoting his proposals within the Democratic-controlled House.

But the Office of Management and Budget director, Leon E. Panetta, said that the administration had done relatively well "under some very difficult circumstances."

Of the \$16.7 billion of new spending authority sought for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, the committee and the full House in the past week have approved \$8.8 billion, or 53 percent, of the requests, according to budget office and congressional figures.

(WP)

Ex-Carter Aide in Line for Disarmament Post

WASHINGTON — President Clinton has decided to nominate John Holm as director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, congressional sources said Wednesday.

A former State Department official in the Carter administration, Mr. Holm worked on the transition for the Clinton administration and later assisted the Pentagon on the issue of ending the ban on homosexuals serving in the military.

(AP)

Los Angeles Mayor Leaves a Mixed Legacy

LOS ANGELES — Mayor Tom Bradley, a Texas sharecropper's son who transformed Los Angeles into a modern city but lost his luster in the fires of the 1992 riots, stepped down Thursday after 20 years of dominating the political landscape in Southern California.

"He was the right man at the right time," said Richard Riordan, his successor. "He brought this city together and moved it forward. I think he'll be remembered kindly."

Mr. Bradley, 75, one of the first black mayors of a U.S. city with a white majority, leaves a conflicting legacy. When he took office, Los Angeles often was dismissed as seven freeways in search of a city. Through tax incentives, private investment and broad use of condemnation powers, he made Los Angeles a gleaming financial center with the nation's busiest port and an expanded international airport.

But while even critics give Mr. Bradley high marks for modernizing Los Angeles, admirers tend to agree that he stayed too long. His final term was marred by revelations of financial conflict and by a long feud with the city's police chief, Daryl F. Gates.

(WP)

With Logging Cuts, Clinton Plan Offers Aid

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton on Thursday moved to end the stalemate over protecting the spotted owl in forests in the northwestern United States, drastically reducing logging while offering \$1.2 billion in economic assistance to offset job losses.

Mr. Clinton said the plan would "strengthen the long-term environmental and economic health" of the region but acknowledged that it was likely to be unpopular both with environmentalists and industry. The timber industry says the cutback is too severe. But the plan is short of a total victory for environmentalists, who had sought owl preserves free of logging.

(AP)

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David Wilhelm, the Democratic Party chairman: "The Republicans have pursued a strategy that is probably historically unprecedented in terms of the partisanship they are showing to a newly elected president. We have an aggressive, extraordinarily partisan opposition that has made the political judgment to try to break this president right now."

(LAT)

Pentagon Reduction Plan Targets 92 Facilities Abroad

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Les Aspin announced Thursday what the Pentagon said was the largest overseas-bases reduction in three years, including the shutdown or reduction of operations at 92 installations.

Most of the affected facilities are in Germany, but there are also sites in Britain, South Korea and the Netherlands.

The announcement came shortly after a senior White House official said that President Bill Clinton had reviewed a separate plan to close dozens of domestic military bases and was virtually certain to approve it.

Under that proposal, which was made by an independent commission, 125,000 people would lose their jobs and about 30 major domestic military installations would either be closed or reduced in size.

Mr. Clinton is expected to approve the list Friday

and send it to Congress, which has 45 days to accept or reject it in its entirety.

Mr. Aspin's announcement brings to 840 the number of overseas sites where operations are being cut back. Of them, 773 are in Europe.

The Pentagon said it was the first announcement guided by Mr. Clinton's decision to reduce U.S. forces in Europe to 100,000 by September 1996 rather than the 150,000 that the Bush administration had projected.

The Pentagon said the changes in the overseas bases would affect 24,000 U.S. military jobs, 6,600 U.S. civilian positions and 7,800 local employees. Although some of the Americans holding the jobs may be transferred back to the United States or elsewhere, many are losing their jobs due to the overall reduction in forces that began under the Bush administration.

Facilities to be shut down include the units in Germany that guarded the Fulda Gap, the traditional invasion route in southern Germany.

General Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that the action at Fulda marks "the peaceful conclusion of an era of confrontation."

"The actions we're announcing today have both concrete and symbolic importance," Mr. Aspin said. "The numbers show we're vigorously cutting unnecessary overhead overseas, and the locations underline the fact that we have truly entered anew, post-Cold War era."

Mr. Aspin said U.S. forces in Europe had been cut by half since January 1990 and would be reduced to 100,000 by Sept. 30, 1996.

The sites affected range in size from major facilities to small, unmanned installations. In all, 13 have more than 1,000 authorized personnel, another 13 have from 200 to 1,000 and the remaining 66 have fewer than 200, the Pentagon said.

Of the 92 sites, all but five were being closed and turned over to the host governments.

The sites with 200 or more personnel are:

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 Frankfurt: Frankfurt Hospital, Gibbs Barracks, Frankfurt Headquarters Area, Bess Family Housing, Frankfurt Gruenholtz Area, Frankfurt Shopping Center, Hanso Alice Family Housing, Kennedy Kaserne.
 Giessen: Giessen General Depot (reduced operations).
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 Erdaggen: Ferris Barracks.
 Nuremberg: Nuremberg Hospital (reduced operations).
 Wildflecken: Camp Wildflecken, Wildflecken Training Range.
 Netherlands
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 South Korea
 Seoul: Camp Meritt.

(AP, Reuters)

Deluges in Midwest Peril Life and Crops

By Andrew Brownstein

DAVENPORT, Iowa — Fed by record rains, the Mississippi River has swollen into a monster, threatening the billion-dollar annual agricultural-export industry in the Midwest that normally thrives between St. Paul, Minnesota, and St. Louis, Missouri.

It is estimated that 300 barges and 30 towboats are stranded along that 500-mile (800-kilometer) stretch of the river, which was closed to barge traffic this week.

Authorities have attributed at least two deaths in Minnesota to the flood.

On a four-state tour of water-logged farms on Wednesday, Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy promised federal assistance for



Owners of an auto parts store in Davenport, Iowa, found business slow as the Mississippi River threatened their sandbagged doorway.

farmers. Nearly 3 million acres of soybeans remain unplanted in the stricken region because of the rains, and corn is not growing well.

"I'm told that, at this time of year, the corn would be more than waist high," Mr. Espy said in Iowa. "It's pretty clear even from the air that it's just a few inches."

President Bill Clinton said Thursday he would ask Congress for funds to assist farmers who have lost corn and soybean crops.

"We don't have enough money in the emergency discretionary fund to meet the rather massive losses these farmers are facing," Mr. Clinton said after a briefing by Mr. Espy. "It's a very, very serious thing for the farmers."

In this riverfront city of 96,000 people, residents expressed apprehension about the effects of heavy rain on farmers.

People piling sandbags around homes and offices watch as everything from tree limbs to dead deer floated past while the Mississippi spilled over its banks.

"It wasn't long ago that the doomsayers said we were going to be a desert in two years," said Bill Gailbreath, 45, of Bettendorf. "But it started raining last August, and it hasn't stopped."

Officials of the Army Corps of Engineers predicted that the flood would crest here Friday, but forecasters said more bad weather was in sight.

Tornadoes, heavy rains and severe thunderstorms were reported in the river area Thursday, and similar conditions are expected all week.

Homemade Rockets Hit U.S. Base Near Tokyo

Agence France-Press

TOKYO — Homemade rockets were fired at a U.S. Air Force base near Tokyo on Thursday in an attack that police attributed to leftist extremists opposed to the upcoming Group of Seven summit meeting. The attack shattered windows but did not injure anyone.

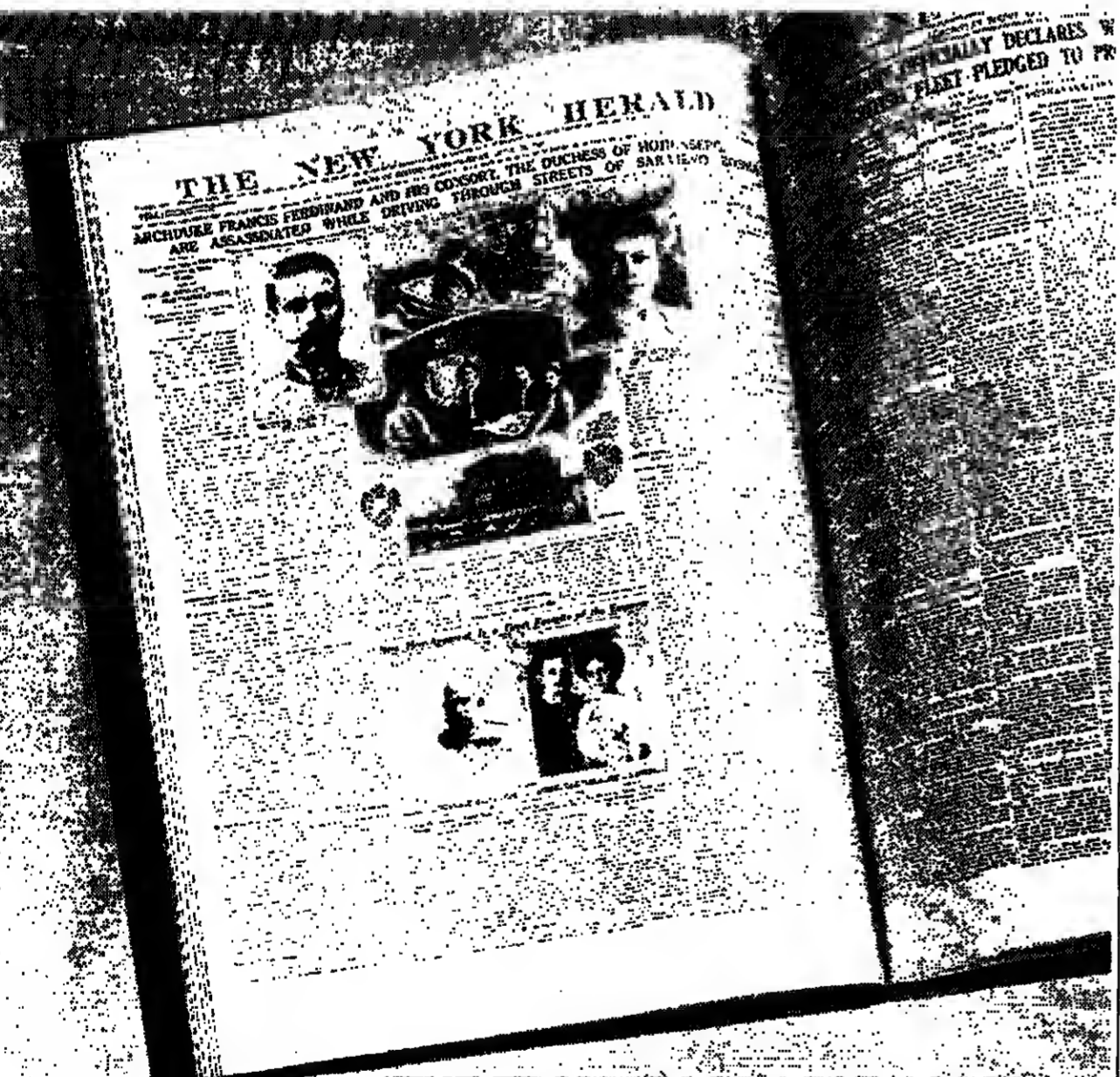
The police said rocket launchers were found in a building under construction in Yokota, a suburb of Tokyo, and three pieces of projectiles about 150 meters (about 500 feet) from the base. Police later found three projectile pieces in a street and a park near the base.

Away From Politics

- The space shuttle Endeavour landed at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Thursday with a huge science satellite that the six astronauts snared in orbit. The 10-day mission included retrieval of a European science satellite, solar monitors and a telescope, and a nearly six-hour spacewalk by two astronauts.
- A former Miami Beach mayor, Alex Daoud, pleaded guilty to four counts of bribery, money-laundering, tax fraud and obstructing justice under a deal allowing him to avoid a retrial on the charges a jury could not resolve. Mr. Daoud was accused of accepting money and favors from people who did business with the city.
- In one of the nation's largest out-of-court settlements stemming from an episode of police abuse, the city of Miami has agreed to pay

- \$7.5 million and all the medical bills of Antonio Edwards, a black man, whom officers beat and then choked into a coma last year.
- Less than a year after Oregon voters turned down a strong measure against gay rights, proponents of the measure have come back with several local election victories. All four counties and two towns that voted on the issue approved, by lopsided margins, initiatives that prohibit local governments from promoting homosexuality or enacting laws that protect homosexuals from discrimination.
- As three Australian tourists looked on in horror, a taxi driver, from Poland, was shot to death by a would-be robber after the driver changed a flat tire on a New York City highway, the police said. The driver, Jacek Piotrowicz, 35, was taking the tourists from Kennedy International Airport into Manhattan when he pulled over to change a tire and was approached by the man who demanded money.

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South Korea's Kim Attacks Corruption

'Wouldn't He Have Known?' President Says of Predecessor

By David E. Sanger
New York Times Service

SEOUL — Four months after he took office as South Korea's first civilian president in 30 years, Kim Young Sam said Thursday that he was astounded to discover "how deeply corruption had embedded itself in government and society" and suggested that his predecessor, Roh Tae Woo, had ignored overwhelming evidence of wrongdoing in his government.

Mr. Kim said that in his first few months in office he had purged South Korea's military and its intelligence services so that "never again can this kind of corruption take root in Korean society." But he said that many investigations were still under way, including one involving huge unexplained deposits in the accounts of senior officials of Mr. Roh's government who were involved in a \$6 billion purchase of American-made F-16 fighters.

While stopping short of accusing Mr. Roh, a former general, of illegal activity, he said: "One can generally assume that given the degree of corruption I have found, wouldn't he have known?"

In a wide-ranging discussion a week before President Bill Clinton was due on a state visit, Mr. Kim also expressed concern that "South Korea was manipulating its current negotiations with the United States 'to buy time to finish their project' to build nuclear weapons."

He praised the United States for its solidarity with South Korea through the tense standoff with the North. But in a comment that seemed to reveal a concern among many senior South Korean officials, Mr. Kim said he hoped the United States "will not continue to be led on by North Korea." That seemed a turnaround from three months ago, when many of Mr. Kim's advisers voiced fears the

United States might be too aggressive in its dealings with Pyongyang, and risk military confrontation.

So far the American talks have succeeded in getting the North's hard-line regime to "suspend" its plan to leave the treaty banning the proliferation of nuclear weapons. But they have failed to convince the North to allow international inspectors to visit a critical site at Yongbyon, the country's nuclear complex, that could reveal how much plutonium the North has already produced.

Mr. Kim, though citing no evidence, said the North must be brought to heel in coming months because "by early next year they will be able to produce plutonium in significantly larger quantities."

In Seoul, the anti-corruption drive that Mr. Kim is leading has pushed the North Korean media threat off the front pages, as senior business executives and government officials have been rounded up, or fled the country. More than a thousand officials have been arrested, dismissed or reprimanded in the last three months, and polls show that more than 90 percent of South Koreans support the effort.

Mr. Kim has quickly dismantled some of the remnants of the country's authoritarian past: he ordered the demolition of the secret meeting houses where many backroom political deals were done, and opened the grounds of the presidential palace to tourists.

Still, Mr. Kim's harsh critique of his predecessor may seem particularly surprising abroad, where Mr. Roh is regarded as the man who brought democracy to South Korea and who stepped aside peacefully when his term was up. Mr. Kim himself merged his own political party with Mr. Roh's several years ago, and complained little about corruption at the time.

For D-Day '94, France Wants Kohl to Stay Home

International Herald Tribune

PARIS — French and U.S. officials said Thursday it was highly unlikely that Chancellor Helmut Kohl would join the World War II veterans at the 50th anniversary of the Normandy landings next year, despite a report that Mr. Kohl is angling for an invitation.

"It's not an affront to the Germans but a courtesy to the veterans that they be kept apart during these very emotional moments," an official said.

Although France and Germany have become close allies at the heart of the European Community, the French assume that Germany will not seek to force the issue, the officials added.

But Mr. Kohl is "pleading" for an invitation, a senior diplomat said.

"The chancellor is very worried that if Germany is excluded, it will have a disastrous effect on German public opinion and symbolize the feeling that the country is still ostracized 50 years after the war," Reuters quoted the diplomat as saying.

The diplomat said Mr. Kohl, who was 15 when the war ended, argued that he, too, had been liberated by the allies.

An official familiar with French thinking agreed that historians in France and the United States are coming round to the view that the German people also were victims of the Nazis.

Nevertheless, the official said, "the decision has been made by the French that the Germans will voluntarily leave the

50th anniversary, to the Allies, exactly as the Japanese did with the anniversary of Pearl Harbor last year."

"I would be very surprised if the Germans saw it in their interest to try to muscle into D-Day," he said.

German government sources in Bonn insisted that the chancellor was in no way alarmed at the prospect of Germany's exclusion from the anniversary, nor would it cast a shadow on French-German relations.

The anniversary ceremonies will be broadcast by television around the world.

Mr. Kohl has invited President François Mitterrand of France for talks in Bonn on July 20 and is expected to raise his concern

at that meeting, French and German officials said, according to President Bill Clinton, Queen Elizabeth II, President Mitterrand and five other heads of state are to attend the ceremonies on June 6, next year. The anniversary will mark the 1944 Normandy landings, which began the decisive battle to drive German armies from France.

The celebrations are being coordinated by an international committee, led by the ministries of defense and veterans affairs in Paris. It does not include Germany.

Mr. Kohl was upset not to be invited to ceremonies in 1984 marking the 40th anniversary of D-Day. But in a gesture of reconciliation, he and Mr. Mitterrand later held hands over the graves of World War I soldiers at the battlefield of Verdun.

PAPERS: Libraries Fill Up

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ans were asking authors "for the contents of their wastebasket," said Patricia Willis of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale.

Libraries primarily come by archives in two ways. The first, and the one they prefer, is by gift. The other is by purchase, either at auction or in quiet negotiations, usually through an intermediary.

One of the more colorful practitioners of the first method is Howard B. Gotlieb, Boston University's director of special collections who during the last 30 years has reeled in hundreds of collections, despite the university's inability or unwillingness to pay.

Mr. Gotlieb and his university have acquired a mixed reputation. A book dealer described him as "either very enterprising or a villain." A publisher called Mr. Gotlieb's employer "the big moocher. They're after everybody for a freebie."

"I only know of one way of securing a collection and that is to ask for it," said Mr. Gotlieb, 67, whose conquests range from Martin Luther King to Dan Rafter, Al Capp and Oriana Fallaci. "A certain rapport has to occur between the curator and the curatee, because what is more personal than your papers?"

It took Mr. Gotlieb 10 years to win over Miss Davis, he said. There were letters written and weekends spent at her homes in Connecticut and California. Christmas gifts and holiday greetings changed hands. "Finally, she said: 'I give up. I can't stand it anymore. The papers are yours.'"

As for Gloria Swanson, Mr. Gotlieb recalls visiting her in her green marble palace, "dining on macrobiotic foods and cranberries and nuts and strange fruit." Her collection was vast. Mr. Gotlieb wanted it badly. When she chose to send it to the University of Texas instead, he phoned her immediately.

"She was very frank and candid and said: 'They loved me more than you,'" Mr. Gotlieb recalled. "And so I asked how that was expressed. She said they had purchased the collection from her. And that I couldn't do. So that was adoration expressed to the utmost."

The price tag on such purchases is rarely made public. But the University of Indiana's Lilly Library, spread for its major donor, a son of the Eli Lilly Co. family, has about \$700,000 a year to spend, the librarian William R. Cagle said. He has paid \$75,000 to \$500,000 for a collection. The oil-rich University of Texas at Austin has paid \$12,000 to \$175,000 for the archives of individual authors during the last five years.

GULF: Iran-Iraq Amity?

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tion of the Kurdish region in northern Iraq will encourage separatist tendencies among Kurds in both their countries.

Against that background, observers have noted, Iraq and Iran have bartered Iraqi petroleum products for Iranian food, have had discussions on halting support for opposition groups and have released hundreds of Iraqi soldiers detained by Iran during the Gulf War and its chaotic aftermath.

However, the Iraqi deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, said in a recent interview that his country's relationship to Iran was unchanged, adding that Iran's regional policy appeared to be in a state of flux.

"In my personal opinion," Mr. Aziz said, "Iran is reacting tactically to the positions of most of the powers dealing with Iran; the West, the United States and Iraq. And I don't think they have reached a final strategy about their major choices — with the exception of a very strong ambition to expand its influence in the whole region."

A veteran diplomat in Baghdad said: "If the Iraqis believe they have no chance in the future to have more flexible treatment from the UN and the U.S., they may open some channels with Iran."

"But for the time being, it's their policy. They believe it's in their best interest to be anti-Iranian to show Iraqi strength against Iraq, and they hope it will be an element to help them normalize relations with the U.S., Saudi Arabia, and maybe even one with Kuwait."

As for Iran, although some officials have expressed a desire to see Mr. Saddam replaced, several analysts say they believe Tehran is more comfortable with a militarily weakened and internationally isolated Iraq under Mr. Saddam than with a successor government that might be unable to maintain Iraq's unity or, worse, willing to resume U.S. ties.

Iran is therefore likely to give Mr. Saddam just enough help to stay in power, but not enough to get significant relief from his economic straits, they said. "Iran would open its border if Saddam were going to fall," a diplomat said. "It's better for them to have Saddam than a pro-U.S. government."

At this juncture, Iran has more to offer Iraq than vice versa. It is not under United Nations economic sanctions; it can buy military hardware without much difficulty, and it has diplomatic and trade ties with Japan as well as several European states. What Iran most needs now — technology, trade and capital — Iraq cannot offer.

Iran is also moving, apparently with some success, to restore its relationship with Saudi Arabia, while recent Iraqi attempts to reconcile with its Gulf War foe were rebuffed.



ON THE LOOKOUT — A Turkish Army helicopter searching along with troops on the ground for Kurdish separatists near Bingol in eastern Turkey on Thursday. Air and ground attacks were continuing on Kurdish enclaves in eastern and southeastern Anatolia.

Iran Is Returning Iraqis Who Fled the Gulf War

Washington Post Service

BAHGDAD — When Iran returned a group of what it called Iraqi "prisoners of war" in April, the assumption was that the 200 men had been among thousands captured in the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war, 20,000 of whom are still in Iraqi captivity.

But the group, along with about 200 others returned in October, was part of "several thousand" Iraqi troops who found their way to Iran during the 1991 Gulf War and subsequent uprisings against President Saddam Hussein, according to Iraqi officials and other sources.

Iraq's state-run Baghdad Observer newspaper quoted Foreign Ministry sources as saying that the 200 men returned April 22 were "part

of the thousands of Iraqi military men forced to enter Iranian territory during the acts of terrorism that followed the cease-fire in the allied military aggression of 1991."

In addition, some Iraqi soldiers sought shelter in Iran after "losing battles" in southern Iraq against Shiite Muslims, who also rebelled. After the revolt there was suppressed, the Iraqis, most of whom are Shiite Muslim, asked the Iraqis, who included many Sunni Muslims as well as some senior officers, if they wanted to return to Iraq. The source said the group was split between those who wanted to go back and those who refused to be repatriated. Mr. Aziz said in the interview that those who returned this year came voluntarily.

Two other sources, who asked not to be identified, said that some of the Iraqis had been captured by Kurds in northern Iraq and trans-

ferred to Iranian custody. Others fled to Iran before the uprisings began to escape allied bombardments of their positions in Kuwait and southern Iraq, some source said.

Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz of Iraq said in a recent interview that several thousand Iraqi soldiers crossed into Iran "during the disturbances" after the cease-fire. "Fearing the chaotic situation" in areas of Iraq, not because of a political decision to go to Iran.

He said they were captured by Iranian authorities when they crossed the border, "not as POWs, but they were kept."

— CARYLE MURPHY

FIZZLE: U.S. Hopes on Tour Dim

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and other parties on setting a firm date for elections and multilateral councils to oversee the election process.

A lot of the steam has come out of this lead up to this visit, said an official who spoke on the promise of anonymity. "We had hoped that there would be a formal framework in place, with confirmation of date, certain for the elections, as well as real appointments of the councils, and agreement by all sides, including the ANC, for the lifting of the remaining sanctions."

Clearly, Mandela and de Klerk had hoped to come here and back in that.

Now, as one congressional staff member who works on African issues said, "It's sort of fizzled into a mainly fund-raiser for the ANC."

Though Clinton officials are loath to voice it, in some ways they are stuck with the visit, which is being pushed by the decision by the two men to accept an award from a Philadelphia civic association.

The time for the visit was set by the stipulation of the group, the People 2000, that recipients of their Liberty Medal be able to accept it in person on July 4.

Once the visit to Philadelphia was set, a failure by President Bill Clinton to meet with Mr. Mandela and President de Klerk could have been read as a snub that might have political repercussions.

What has driven the visit all along is the fact that the July 4th visit to Philadelphia and the presentation of the Liberty Medal to a State Department official, said.

In anticipation of the visit, administration officials had prepared a package of incentives for South Africa, including new training for police officers and political personnel and providing observers for the balloting.

Administration officials also hoped to announce a number of financial incentives, including a promise that the United States would write an international financial institutions such as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund in favor of loans for South Africa.

The package also would include allowing the Overseas Private Investment Corporation to invest in some U.S. investments there, and other measures that are contained in legislation drafted by Senator Paul Simon, Democrat of Illinois, and Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum, Republican from Kansas.

"We will not be announcing the package when Mandela and de Klerk get here," an official said. "Some elements of it will be in a presidential statement, saying that if we get a date for election and the transitional executive councils we can push ahead on these things."

U.S. Is Open To a Sale Of Iraqi Oil

The Associated Press

GENEVA — The U.S. representative to the United Nations, Madeleine K. Albright, said Thursday that Washington would not object to Iraq making a one-time sale of crude oil to meet humanitarian needs.

But she stressed that Baghdad would have to meet the terms of all the Security Council resolutions regarding Iraq before other economic sanctions would be lifted.

The sale of \$1.6 billion in oil to buy food and medicine is at the top of the agenda for a round of talks between Iraq and U.N. officials in New York on Wednesday.

Baghdad has rejected the offer in the past, saying the supervised sale would violate its sovereignty. Some of the proceeds would also meet U.N. costs and pay compensation to victims of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

Mrs. Albright was in Geneva for a meeting of the UN's Economic and Social Council, as well Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali.

Mr. Boutros Ghali was hopeful about chances for progress in the New York talks despite the U.S. bombings of Iraqi targets this week in retaliation for an alleged Iraqi assassination plot against former President George Bush.

Mr. Boutros Ghali declined to forecast how long it could be before Iraqi crude oil would be exported.

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TERROR: New Set of Dangers in Post-Cold War Era

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war there has resumed and neither Washington nor Moscow has enough influence to stop it.

According to the State Department's annual report on terrorism, published in April, Americans have been targeted by the bombing of an American consulate in New York and the slaying of two CIA employees, apparently by a Pakistani, outside the agency's headquarters in Langley, Virginia.

These incidents, like the round-up last week of more than 200

terrorist suspects, "remind us of our vulnerability to violent attacks," the report said. But reported incidents of international terrorism in 1992 fell to the lowest level since 1975 because of international cooperation to combat groups such as the Japanese Red Army and the Red Army Faction, which was blamed for bombings and assassinations in Germany and Belgium in the 1980s.

The number of incidents worldwide declined from about 650 in 1987 to about 361 last year, according to the report. Nearly 40 percent of those were directed at U.S. targets, but almost all of those were outside the United States, the report said, and only two Americans were killed.

Iran is the "deadliest state sponsor" of terrorism, the report said, and "has achieved a worldwide reach," notably in fomenting and financing agitation by Muslim extremists in several countries.

Despite the worldwide decline in terrorism, the report said, there were "serious signs that the problem will escalate, compounded by the resurgence of regional and ethnic conflicts around the world."

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reform. We do not yet know which party, or soon-to-be party, represents the best hope for Japan. Doubtless at least some of those trumpeting reform have done so to mask an old-fashioned power grab. Without fundamental changes to Japan's structure — especially on the tax and regulatory front — it will not be long before new leaders revert to old ways.

On Waging War in the Pursuit of Peace

By Eugene V. Rostow

WASHINGTON — President George Bush, President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher have all attempted to justify America's passivity in the face of Serbian aggression in what was once Yugoslavia on the ground that the war does not affect the U.S. national interest.

of the Soviet Union makes it less important for the Western allies to enforce the law against aggression than in the days of Soviet Union expansionism. A few even argue that because of the recent changes in Russian policy, the rule against aggression has become "optional."

forces called up by the Security Council and directed by the council and the secretary-general under Article 43, or action by the same national forces used in individual or collective self-defense, with or without the blessing of the Security Council...



By OLIVER H. DORR (Illustration: GARY SPENCER)

This has been the basic theme of American foreign policy since the time of President Harry Truman. Enforcing the rule of international law against aggression does not require the United States to send in the marines every time a leaf falls. The world political system ignored India's annexation of the Portuguese colony of Goa years ago without much concern for the consequences.

Europe Feels Singed by His Thunderbolt Diplomacy

By Jim Hoagland

PARIS — Bill Clinton resorted to thunderbolt diplomacy twice in time, dispatching missiles and attack helicopters to rain deadly punishment from the skies of Iraq and Somalia. It will take more than these displays of U.S. firepower to overcome European doubts about Mr. Clinton's global leadership abilities.

moment of action or crisis comes. That dialogue stopped months ago on Yugoslavia. Adds a senior allied diplomat: "The disagreement on Bosnia is so large that we have basically stopped talking to or even shouting at each other. Now we present our positions, disagree and then shrug as if to say, 'What else could you expect?'"

Expect More Grief as Nigeria's Soap Opera Rolls On

By Wole Soyinka

PARIS — In 1991 the president of Nigeria, General Ibrahim Babangida, announced his program for transition to civil rule during an address in the town of Kuru. Categories of Nigerians who were to be barred from engaging in any political activity included civil servants who had not resigned their positions by a given date...

Enter the maverick businessman and arms dealer Chief Arthur Nzebe, who had taken over the mantle of Babangida-Must-Stay evangelism from Mr. Tofa. Chief Nzebe, a one-time banned, unbanned and again disqualified presidential candidate, was now the leader of the shadowy Association for Better Nigeria. Just before the election, he had obtained a court injunction to stop it, but the young took place anyway, since the existing military decrees on election matters clearly overruled the courts.

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added "and that includes myself," he was greeted with a standing ovation. This is very little ovation for General Babangida in any corner of Nigeria these days. Since he voided the results in mid-June of the first election in nearly 10 years of military rule, the general finds himself with widespread revolt on his hands. Pro-democracy activists have called for a week of demonstrations in protest, to start July 5, and earlier some 30 senior military officers threatened to resign. Students have rioted in the streets and there are reports of fatalities.

I had hoped that the left would seize the structure of one of the parties and give Nigeria a socialist-oriented party. The government's imposed manifesto put an end to that idea: No serious activist would join. Having unleashed the banned politicians and billionaire generals back on the scene, however, the government now had to deal with the resultant chaos. Simple enough: Re-apply the old remedy and ban them all again! Twenty-three presidential aspirants from both parties were felled. At the same time, the government was building offices for the two parties in all 30 states, at no mean cost, and made grants of millions of dollars to them. This project cost Nigerians a great deal of money, but, nevertheless, resulted in two presidential candidates of extraordinary private wealth.

A Tempest Ahead for Ukraine

By Flora Lewis

KIEV — Officials argue that Kiev is normally half a year behind Moscow so it should not be so surprising that things are still getting steadily worse here while Moscow is beginning to stabilize. It sounds like whistling in the wind. The population has risen 3,000 percent in the last year and mounting. There are food shortages, even in summer. Reforms have not really begun. There is government stalemate and nobody seems willing or able to take needed decisions. The old Communist apparatus is still in place, defending its privileges. There is reason to believe Volodymyr Hryniv, a deputy chairman of parliament and leader of the opposition New Ukraine movement, that the government has no power and is not governing.

As in Moscow until the April 25 referendum, there is deadlock among the president, the prime minister and the parliament. Only a massive miners' strike last month forced a pledge to hold a referendum in September. Voters will be asked whether they have confidence in President Leonid Kravchuk, elected in December 1991, and in the parliament, elected under old rules in 1990 with two-thirds holdover appointments. The parliament is almost sure to be rejected. Mr. Kravchuk's fate is less clear. Many critics support him as the symbol of national independence. But there is no guarantee of new elections, or any certainty of what rules would prevail if one or both are re-elected. Kravchuk's election in December 1991, and in the parliament, elected under old rules in 1990 with two-thirds holdover appointments. The parliament is almost sure to be rejected. Mr. Kravchuk's fate is less clear. Many critics support him as the symbol of national independence. But there is no guarantee of new elections, or any certainty of what rules would prevail if one or both are re-elected. Kravchuk's election in December 1991, and in the parliament, elected under old rules in 1990 with two-thirds holdover appointments.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Blaming the Dead

PARIS — It is easy to blame the dead. The cold lips of Admiral Trianon who lies at the bottom of the Mediterranean can give no answer to the charge that it was through a blunder of his that the Camperdown sank the Victoria, and that it was through another blunder of his, signaling that no boats were needed to rescue his crew, that the loss of life was double. That a lifetime heavily devoted to the service of his country should have been closed with two such colossal mistakes should not be believed off-hand, though the accusations are made on good authority. It is easy to blame the dead. Before blaming let us have more facts.

1918: Italian Successes

LONDON — The following communication concerning the British co-operation on the Italian front was issued to-day (July 1). The situation remains calm. In the course of last week we executed two successful raids, taking some prisoners and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. Our artillery has been active and our fire upon the enemy's artillery continues to cause great destruction among the batteries and depots of the enemy. The weather has been unfavorable for aviation.

1943: Rendova Occupied

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA — [From our New York edition:] American forces are believed to have completed their landing on Rendova Island five miles from the Japanese base at Munda on New Georgia Island, and 101 Japanese planes have been destroyed, an Allied communiqué said today (July 2). The Americans have captured a Japanese barge base at Viru Harbor on New Georgia Island. Allied artillery on Rendova shelled the enemy base at Munda two hours after the landing, a headquarters spokesman revealed. He said the occupation of Rendova was believed "complete."

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OPINION

Good News at the Academy: 40 Proud Success Stories

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — When people ask how things are in Washington, you almost have to reply: Which Washington are you talking about?

Official Washington has begun to take note of the signs that President Bill Clinton and his administration were finally beginning to function as a government — one day managing a narrow but significant Senate victory for his budget package; another, ordering and executing a necessary retaliatory strike at Saddam Hussein. These were not extraordinary achievements, but for a White House all too prone to shoot itself in the foot, they were hopeful signals.

Washington's local news has been dominated recently by a run of appalling stories about random, mindless violence — drive-by shootings, drug wars, domestic murders and maimings and, worst of all, a sniper who fired his gun at youngsters playing in a neighborhood pool, wounding six of them.

But beneath those two Washingtons, there is a third city, which draws far too little attention, a city where individuals, families and institutions fight official inertia and demoralizing social conditions to build decent, responsible lives.

Eleanor Holmes Norton, the city's elected delegate to the House of Representatives, spoke of that third Washington recently when she told a small audience in a George Washington University auditorium: "I spend a lot of time dealing with the problems of this city and of this society. This evening, I am looking into the faces of the solution."

Ms. Norton had no idea this reporter was there, or that I had already planned to write this column. So she went on to say, "I regret that this class is not considered news. In the same way that the young person who shot up the pool was considered news. Young graduates, you are not only the news — you are the good news."

She was right on all points. A bit of background: Four years ago this summer, the then-superintendent of District of Columbia schools approached the national capital area chapter of the American Society of Public Administration, a group of government bureaucrats and management scholars, asking for help in developing a high school curriculum that might prepare young people for government jobs.

In time, the project partners expanded from ASPA to include George Washington University, the University of the District of Columbia, Howard University and several private firms and founda-

tions, including one headed by former Secretary of Labor Bill Brock.

The decision was made to create "a school within a school," and in the fall of 1990, the first class was enrolled in the Public Service Academy. It was located in Anacostia High School, which serves the Anacostia, most crime-ridden part of Washington. Anacostia struggles to maintain a 50 percent attendance standard and graduates barely half its students.

The first Public Service Academy class began with 41 members. They were not the academic elite. The reading levels of these 10th graders, according to lead teacher Susan Thomas, varied from the 13th grade down to the fifth grade.

One of the original class members moved to Baltimore. The "news" of which Ms. Norton spoke was that the other 40 made it. They were all sitting there, with proud family and friends, to accept their graduation certificates from principal Zovbia D. Willis and from Constance Berry Newman, the undersecretary of the Smithsonian Institution who, as head of the Office of Personnel Management in the Bush administration, helped enlist a dozen government agencies to assist the Public Service Academy.

She and the other outside partners arranged "shadow" assignments for the students following government officials on their jobs. They got the students summer internships at the end of their junior year and half-time government jobs as seniors. In return, the students were required to give frequent verbal and written reports to their classmates, polishing their language skills.

During their three years in the program, the Academy students maintained a 97 percent attendance record. And 36 of the 40 are going on to college, many of them aiming at some form of government service.

It was not easy. The students endured gibes from some of their classmates. Some teachers expressed resentment toward the Academy's eight faculty members, who stayed with the first class for three years and added a similar-sized class each September. But any Academy student who failed to show up for class, or seemed to be slacking off or getting discouraged, could count on quick support — and a lot of nagging — from others in the program.

The people who argue that public schools are incapable of innovation should have heard what these students and their teachers had to say about the Academy. They should have witnessed the camaraderie and pride.

This was big news. It said that in the direct circumstances, youngsters will respond to challenge, responsibility, attention and concern. It said that bureaucracies can change. It said that the private sector and government can collaborate to achieve notable success. That, too, thank goodness, is Washington.

The Washington Post

He Bears the Burden for All of Us

By Paul Anster

NEW YORK — When I sat down to write this morning, the first thing I did was think of Salman Rushdie. I have done this every morning for more than four years and by now it is an essential part of my daily routine.

I pick up my pen and before I begin to write, I think of my fellow novelist across the ocean.

I pray that his English protectors will keep him hidden from the people who are out to murder him. They have already killed one of his translators and wounded another since his novel "The Satanic Verses" brought the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's death sentence down on his head because it was seen as blaspheming Islam.

I pray for this man, but deep down I know I am also praying for myself. His life is in danger because he wrote a book and I know that if not for the quirks of history and pure blind luck I could be in his shoes. If not today, perhaps tomorrow.

Talents vary, ambitions vary, but any committed writer will tell you the same thing: To write a work of fiction, one must be free to say what one has to say.

I have exercised that freedom with every word I have written — and so has Mr. Rushdie. That is why his predicament is also mine.

I can't know how I would act in his place, but I can imagine it — or at least I can try to imagine it. In all honesty, I'm not sure I would be capable of the

courage he has shown. The man's life is in ruins, and yet he has continued to do the thing he was born to do.

Shunted from one safe house to another, cut off from his son, surrounded by security police, he has continued to go to his desk every day and write.

Knowing how difficult it is to do this even under the best of circumstances, I can only stand in awe of what he has accomplished. A novel, another novel in the works, a number of extraordinary essays and speeches defending the basic human right to free expression.

All that is remarkable enough, but what truly astonishes me is that on top of this essential work, he has taken the

time to review other people's books — even to write blurbs promoting the books of unknown authors.

Is it possible for a man in his position to think of anyone but himself? Apparently, it is. But I wonder how many of us could do what he has done with our backs against that same wall.

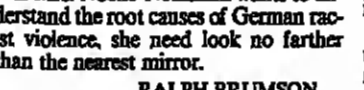
Mr. Rushdie is fighting for his life. The struggle has gone on for nearly half a decade, and we are no closer to a solution. Like so many others, I wish there was something I could do to help.

Frustration mounts, despair sets in, but given that I have neither the power nor the influence to affect the decisions of foreign governments, the most I can do is pray for him.

He is carrying the burden for all of us, and I can no longer think of what I do without thinking of him. His plight has focused my concentration, has made me re-examine my beliefs and has taught me never to take the freedom I enjoy for granted.

For all that, I owe him an immense debt of gratitude. I support Mr. Rushdie in his struggle to win back his life, but the truth is that he has also supported me. I want to thank him for that. Every time I pick up my pen, I want to thank him.

The writer is author, most recently, of "Leviathan," a novel, and "The Art of Hunger," a book of essays. He contributed this to The New York Times.



Heading for a Summer Job At a Very Private Address

By Anna Quindlen

NEW YORK — The very best assignment I've ever had was exactly 15 years ago. I went out to a factory in Flushing, Queens, called Angler's Company Ltd., and spent the summer months just hanging around so that I could write a series about the place and its people.

If I got off the Flushing line at Main Street today I bet I could walk to Angler's with my eyes closed.

While I was in Queens with Ollie and Doris and Dorothy, watching them turn

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out Cuffettes and Pocket Savers and other vinyl stationery supplies on the hot, hissing machines, lots of what we call news was taking place in the world. New York City was saved from bankruptcy by federal loan guarantees. The first test-tube baby was born in England. Pope Paul VI died.

But I was doing a different kind of story, about the ordinary lives of ordinary people. Often, in this line of work, you visit a story, for a couple of hours or a couple of days. But I lived in that one for three whole months, and I never raved the real news that I missed.

For the next three months my column will disappear while I go to live in a story again. I'm going to live in a white house with pretty furnishings, the most modest on a block of bigger and grander houses, with a woman named Ellen Gulden, her

English professor father and her ailing mother. I made these people up, and the house and the block, all that follows from them. They are characters in a novel.

In 1979 Endora Welty wrote: "Writing fiction is an interior affair. Novels and stories always will be put down little by little out of personal feeling and personal beliefs arrived at alone and at firsthand over a period of time as time is needed. To go outside and beat the drum is only to interrupt, interrupt, and so finally to forget and to lose. Fiction has, and must keep, a private address."

That's where I'll be living.

When I first wrote a novel, several years ago, many people asked about the difference between writing journalism and writing fiction. And in the beginning I said, there's not much. This was a great shock to readers, but it confirmed their worst fears, too: Sometimes they believed that what appeared in newspapers was made up, and other times that fiction was autobiography and not imagination.

But what I meant was something different. I thought that the eye for telling detail and the ear for an authentic and useful quote were skills you developed in the newspaper business that were essential for novelists. I thought you used the notebook of the mind's eye to tell the story you'd invented. I believed authenticity was as important, maybe more important, in a novel than in a newspaper story.

This was summed up best for me by a waiter — who else? — who volunteered between drink and entrée orders this Mark Twainism: The difference between truth and fiction is that fiction is obliged to stick to possibility and truth is not. When you're writing reality, you don't have to work as hard to make it real as when you're making reality up as you go.

But it seems to me that the most notable difference between the two forms is the hit-and-run essence of the one and the total immersion of the other. Writing for newspapers is irresistible for those of us who are immediate-gratification freaks.

There'll be so much adrenaline in the world in the next 90 days. Perhaps there will be more plots uncovered to blow New York sky-high. Perhaps there will be another serial killer, with neighbors who will eagerly testify that he kept to himself but was quiet and polite. The president may be on his third comeback by Oct. 1. The mayoral race will be in the home stretch. So will the baseball season. Crimes and punishments will follow as the night the day. I know the drill.

And all the time I'll be in a kind of hawkeye, just as I was 15 years ago, living in a single story, so that with my eyes closed I can find my way around its rooms. Jessamy West once said, "Fiction reveals truths that reality obscures." So many important things will happen in the real world. I will have my own, an interior affair, without interruptions.

The New York Times

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Germany and Foreigners: Untangling Violence's Roots

Regarding "Roots of the Violence That Has Shaken Germany" (Q & A, June 21):

Elisabeth Noelle-Neumann presumes to enlighten us on the causes of the current anti-foreigner violence in Germany. Here is a 78-year-old survivor of the Nazi era, a respected member of the German establishment, who spouts sentiments that differ very little from the expressions of skinheads, neo-Nazis and other current-day extremists.

Yesterday's "Jewish problem" is today's foreigner problem. If Turks are attacked and killed, it is because they "don't want to integrate." The culprit, in short, is the outsider who won't adjust to German values (like racism?) or German behavior (like burning down hostels?).

Like Helmut Kohl, for whom she seems to be an apologist, Mrs. Noelle-Neumann exemplifies the problem.

ROBERT J. ATTAWAY, Bad Homburg, Germany.

It is untrue that Turks living in Germany don't want to integrate, they have. Most of them have been working hard here for more than a decade, and their children, often born in Germany, usually master the German language a great deal

better than the violent defenders of it. Mrs. Noelle-Neumann's words, "German values" and "German behavior."

ALEXANDER WOLTER, Berlin.

If Mrs. Noelle-Neumann wants to understand the root causes of German racist violence, she need look no farther than the nearest mirror.

RALPH BRUMSON, Cergy, France.

It has become an unreflected habit of journalists to criticize Germany's nationality laws as backward or even outright racist since allegedly they make acquisition of German nationality dependent on "purity of the blood." This assertion, more inspired by Wagnerian opera than by any pursuit of legal texts, is not true.

German nationality is acquired by descent from German parents, which has nothing to do with race or ethnicity. The jus sanguinis principle — that the citizenship of the child is determined by the citizenship of its parents — underlies the legislation of most countries, except those which conceive of themselves as countries of immigration.

On the other hand, since 1991 German law has given foreigners generous opportunities to become naturalized. Any person aged 16 to 23 shall, upon request, be naturalized "as a rule" — that is, if no exceptional circumstances are present — if he or she has lived in Germany for at least eight years. As of July 1 of this year, the "as a rule" clause is being dropped.

In accordance with standards promoted by the Council of Europe, the main requirement is that the applicant renounce his or her former nationality. As a matter of fact, however, few foreigners have availed themselves of this opportunity.

CHRISTIAN TOMUSCHAT, International Law Commission, Geneva.

About 30 years ago in Australia, large numbers of migrants from Europe (including a few from Germany) were arriving to fill a gap in the jobs market, taking up work that we Australians were not prepared to do. Very much like the Turks in Germany, I would have thought. But many in Australia asked: How could these people expect to vote when they could hardly speak English and were not prepared to join in Australian society?

Of course, they were given the vote; and whatever criticism I or others might make about Australia, it is today one of the world's most successful multicultural societies. So much so that 10 years ago, when a leading conservative politician attempted to drum up an issue about the number of Asians entering Australia, he found himself rapidly discredited and removed from his party's leadership.

The huge number of immigrants in Australia has been one of the most important factors in breaking down the sense of the country as a bland outpost of England. This is something I would have thought very appealing to many Germans and Europeans, especially when their own culture appears to be increasingly subjected to the corrosive effects of international American pop culture.

ANDREW MCCATHIE, Berlin.

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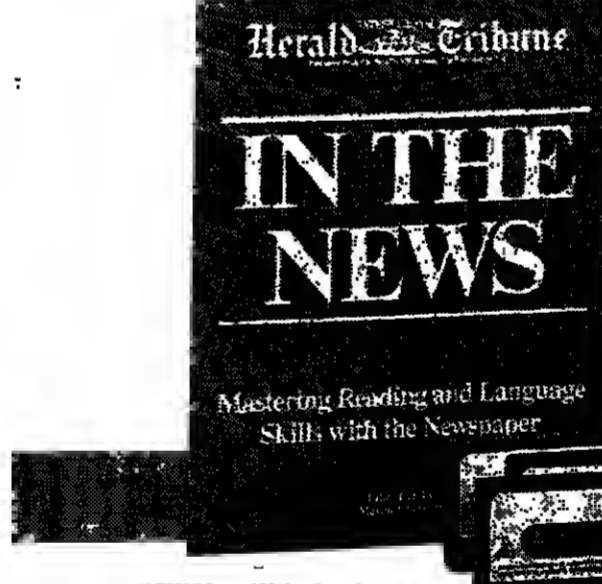
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A Malaysian doing songket weaving. Tengku Ismail (inset) supervises all the details in his studio.

Songket: Malaysia's Royal Silk

By John Brunton

KUALA TRENGGANU, Malaysia — In the back streets of the sleepy town of Kuala Trengganu, halfway down the deserted, palm-fringed beaches of Malaysia's East Coast, there is a workshop where a dozen women work away at wooden looms producing traditional cloth known as songket.

Inside the simple wooden building, the temperature soars well above 35 degrees centigrade (95 Fahrenheit) with no air conditioning or even fans. And although the looms look pretty rickety, the material being woven is fine silk from China, and the intricate patterns on the cloth are created from delicate gold and silver threads produced in Lyon. The pieces of cloth are individually prepared for clients that range from one of the world's wealthiest men, the Sultan of Brunei, to the royal family of Malaysia and Queen Noor of Jordan, to a Empress Michiko of Japan.

Fussing away behind the weavers, checking the stitching, comparing color schemes, is the designer and owner of the studio, Tengku Ismail. A cousin of the Sultan of Trengganu, this energetic prince is kind of a one-man cultural ambassador for Malaysia. Not only has he succeeded in preserving the ancient art of songket weaving, but he has resurrected a royal dance troupe and now spends what free time he has scouring kampongs, villages, to buy up centuries-old traditional houses to be reassembled in his own cultural village.

Songket dates from the origins of the Malay Sultanates as far back as 1300. The intricately woven pieces of cloth were reserved to be worn at court by royalty and the nobility and on grand occasions, such as the

coronation of a ruler, weddings and the highly ritualized circumcision ceremony. Tengku Ismail has succeeded in turning a cottage industry into high-quality, contemporary fashion.

"When I returned home after studying in Europe," he said, "I realized that the highly specialized art of songket weaving had all but died out. So I toured the villages of Trengganu visiting artisans, learned how to weave myself and set up my own workshop. I had to train my own weavers, as I found the traditional craftsmen were simply not adventurous in color or design."

"For inspiration, I was lucky to inherit a wonderful collection of royal songket from my grandmother's collection, and now the basis for my designs is always traditional motifs with I then add a European influence, usually in the color scheme."

ANYONE who passes by the workshop is personally advised by the prince. Prices for an individually designed piece of cloth range from \$1,200 to \$4,000. The sarong measures 2 meters by 1 meter (6.5 by 3.3 feet), enough to make a jacket or a skirt. The steep price is hardly surprising though when you consider that each piece takes one weaver at least two months to complete.

The prince, 42, was raised in a very different world from the Malaysia that has emerged in the last 20 years. And it's his palace upbringing, steeped in ancient royal customs, that has led him to become such an active defender of Malaysian culture. Preserving songket was just the first of his crusades, and now he is heavily involved in reviving classical dance, the Mak Yong, and saving the traditional stilt houses that are

rapidly disappearing from rural villages as people build modern homes.

"Ever since I was young, I loved watching royal performances of the Mak Yong and gamelan orchestra. But over the years, all interest waned, and the performers just drifted back to being farmers and fishermen. If this trend carries on, our cultural roots will soon disappear, so I tracked down all the old members of the troupe and started organizing performances again. And this is not just for tourists to enjoy, but so that Malaysians themselves can learn to appreciate their own culture."

Today he is in the midst of a project that may bring all his passions together, the creation of a self-sufficient artists' community. He has bought 14 acres (5.5 hectares) of jungle land on a narrow peninsula jutting into a river, about a dozen miles outside the city. The dense undergrowth has been cut back and burned, the five ancient houses he bought are being reconstructed, and a plantation of sugar cane, pineapple and papaya has been planted. The aims now are to bring the Mak Yong dancers and musicians permanently together to live in the village and farm the plantation, to transfer the weaving workshop, to construct a stage for dance performances and then build guest houses for tourists. Everything is to be completed by the end of this year, and visitors will be welcomed by Tengku Ismail into his cultural kingdom, which he has already named Pura Tanjung Satu, the Pavillion on a Peninsula.

The songket workshop and Tengku Ismail's adjoining home in Kuala Trengganu can be visited, preferably by appointment. Tel: 09 623992. Fax: 09 629571.

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In Provence, Artists' Paradise

By Edward Harper

LOURMARN, France — Albert Camus is buried in a modest grave in the cemetery of Lourmarin, a quiet Provencal village at the base of the Luberon mountain chain. He came to the village some years before his death in 1960 in an automobile accident to escape the distractions of Paris and to find the time and peace to write. Many other artists and writers have followed him to this idyllic site.

Camus was introduced to the village by one of his professors, Jean Grenier, who had discovered it when he was offered a summer grant by the Fondation de Lourmarin Laurent-Vibert. The foundation, based in the medieval chateau dominating the town, was the dream of a young French intellectual who, like Camus, died young in a car accident. Robert Laurent-Vibert was a man ahead of his time. As a young man, and a graduate of the prestigious Ecole Normale Supérieure, he had interrupted a career as an archaeologist to rescue the family business, a turn-of-the-century hair preparation called Petrole Hahn. It was a French version of "greasy kid stuff" invented by his adoptive father.

A marketing genius, Laurent-Vibert had by his mid-30s turned this preparation into a gold mine, turning the profits to the reconstruction of the fortress-chateau of Lourmarin. Shortly before his death at 41 in 1925, he established and endowed an institution, then unique in France, that allowed promising young artists, writers and musicians to come together for a month each summer in this small castle tucked away in a corner of the Vaucluse.

THE foundation flourishes. The core of its "pensioners" each summer are the winners of the prestigious Grand Prix de l'Académie des Beaux-Arts, successor to the Prix de Rome, in architecture, painting, sculpture and graphics. In addition to sponsoring the 12 resident pensioners, the chateau holds eight classical music evenings featuring leading soloists and chamber music groups.

The chateau, lovingly restored by Laurent-Vibert, is a pristine evocation of medieval architecture. Stripped of its later incrustations, the building stands like a somber sentinel over the red tile roofs and beige stones of the village below.

Lourmarin sits at the sole pass in the Luberon mountain chain that links the Alps with the Mediterranean. Caesar's army marched through the defiles on the way to his conquest of Gaul. And 400 years later,



desperate legions retreated along the superb Roman road before the onslaught of barbarian hordes.

Over the centuries the village has suffered because of its strategic site. Attacked by Visigoths, Normans, Saracens and assorted bandits, its narrow streets, thick-walled fortified houses and churches attest to its history.

Modern Lourmarin is first mentioned in written records in 1189. For the next five centuries, the history of the village is an unending litany of pillage, plague and religious war. The fief changed hands repeatedly, and the names of its seigniors mirror French history: Grimaldi, de Forcalquier, Sabran in the 13th and 14th centuries and the powerful d'Agoult family for several hundred years thereafter.

The d'Agoult's imported Protestant farmers from the Swiss canton of Vaud to drain the marshes and clear the land. For 70 years, prosperity reigned in the valley, but it was not to last. In 1545, François I authorized the massacre of the Protestant farmers. The village lapsed into desuetude.

Following a final spasm of religious violence in 1635 after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, which had guaranteed reli-

gious freedom to the Protestants, the village entered an age of peace and somnolence virtually undisturbed by the French Revolution or the industrialization of the 19th century. An exodus of the population to larger towns and cities had the effect of leaving Lourmarin almost untouched by successive waves of modernization.

Preserved in the amber of poverty, its streets, tall stone houses, Romanesque churches and chapels remained untouched. The result is a village of lovingly restored medieval and Renaissance houses, shaded from the fierce Provencal sun, along narrow streets that open into graceful small plazas.

Interspersed among the older houses are elegant 17th- and 18th-century mansions of the prosperous middle class that developed during the centuries of peace. Fountains are everywhere, bringing in the cooling waters of the mountain streams.

Over it all presides the chateau, which after surviving 700 years of assaults very nearly succumbed to the wreckers' ball in 1920. A ruin after 150 years of neglect, it was about to be sold to a builder who wanted to dismantle it and use its stones.

It was then that Robert Laurent-Vibert discovered and restored the building, giving it new life as a home for young French intellectuals. Brilliantly lit in summer, its musical evenings fill the valley with Bach and Mozart as tourists throng the cafés along the esplanade across from the castle walls. Peace and prosperity have finally come to the beautiful, star-crossed village.

The chateau is open daily for guided tours from July 1 through Sept. 30.

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HEAR THIS

■ Holy Thanksgiving! "The Most Exciting National Turkey Lovers' Recipe Contest for teens ever!" to quote the National Turkey Federation, drew ideas from 1,670 teenagers on how to lure red-meat-loving Americans into trying turkey. Shloh Graham, 13, won the grand prize of \$2,000 for a food extravaganza of smoked turkey, tortillas, tomatoes, olives, red peppers, Monterey Jack cheese, salsa and spices that comes in the form of party snacks for 48 people. And it's not even the Fourth of July yet.

THE MOVIE GUIDE

The Firm

Directed by Sydney Pollack.
U.S.

At the time it was published in 1991, "The Firm" John Grisham's best-selling suspense novel, was described by one critic as "mean and lean." Mean, possibly, but lean? The book is 501 pages. Now Sydney Pollack's film version far more accurately characterizes the source material. The movie is extremely long (two hours, 34 minutes) and so slow that by the end you feel as if you've been standing up even if you've been sitting down. It moves around the map a lot, from Boston to Memphis to the Caribbean to Washington, without getting anywhere. But, you may well ask, what about the story? After all, underneath Grisham's verbiage, but not quite suffocated by it, there is an entertaining moral tale about the 1980s: Mitch McDeere, a bright young man, born poor and deprived, lusts for the good things in life. He graduates from Harvard Law School near the top of his class and joins a small, conservative, very rich firm of tax and corporate law specialists in Memphis. Almost immediately, he discovers that he has sold his soul to the devil. Or, as a federal agent says, "Your life, as you've



Sonata

Directed by Takashi Kitano.
Japan.

Remembered as the ferocious Sergeant Hara in Oshima's "Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence," the popular TV personality Takashi Kitano has recently taken up directing. Earlier pictures such as "Violent Cop" and "Boiling Point" have proved quite popular with the young and it is to them that this new film is apparently dedicated. In it old-time yakuzza Murakawa (played by Kitano) is sent on a hit mission to Okinawa. When

Meg Ryan in Nora Ephron's "Sleepless in Seattle," and Tom Cruise in Sydney Pollack's "The Firm."

things screw up he and his buddies hide out on beautiful tropical beaches, spin the Frisbee, get close to nature and begin to wonder if spilling guts is all there is to life. There is lots of soul-searching under vacation-blue skies where it is revealed that these heroes little thugs are just boys at heart. This is because, as the director Kitano comments in the press sheet: "Really tough guys don't experience a lot of tension — by nature they're cool." No wonder the kids love him. (Donald Richie, IHT)

Sleepless in Seattle

Directed by Nora Ephron.
U.S.

There are certain things that the characters in Nora Ephron's movies know how to do — like peel an apple in one long twisting strip. Or whip up a mountain of spaghetti carbonara as a post-coital bedtime snack. This isn't just a matter of style; this is how her brittle, smart, self-

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At Eiffel Tower, a Food Renewal

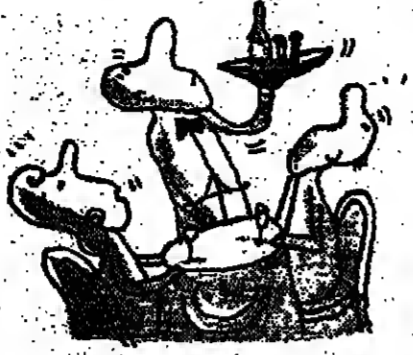
By Patricia Wells
International Herald Tribune

PARIS—There aren't many restaurants that can boast of a breathtaking view, an undebatable history and a dose of romance so pure that even the most convincing cynical complaints would fall on deaf ears. And it's even the kind of place you could take your mother for Sunday lunch and you'd both be assured of a great time.

Such is the Eiffel Tower's Jules Verne, now in its 10th year as a gastronomic "restaurant atop a monument." But the new Jules Verne is sharper, more polished and more popular than ever, thanks to a new chef (Alain Reix) and an accommodating director (Daniel Gabillard).

"Like many diners, I've had my ups and downs with the Jules Verne. Any restaurant of such stature and renown certainly has to struggle hard to not stumble into a tourist trap of its own. Messieurs Reix and Gabillard and the directors, Efficace Tour Eiffel, are succeeding in keeping standards high and disappointment low.

As ever, diners enter from their own private "foot" of the tower, where guests are greeted and ushered into the glass-enclosed elevator to ascend the 123 meters (about 400 feet) to the second level. The large dining room, serving up to 100 diners, offers a perfect panoramic view of the city. It is decorated in a super-stark grey and white ultra-modern decor.



Nicholas Andriotti

The new menu offers, as it must, something for everyone. So those who come for the view and just a simple salad of vegetables and mozzarella and roast chicken are easily accommodated.

But Reix manages to put magic into those ever simple and satisfying dishes, marrying ever simple and satisfying dishes with a multitude of fresh vegetables with pure and wholesome mozzarella, serving a whole roast *potirade de Bresse* for two, adding flair and a touch of drama to an already dramatic setting.

The chef's Alsatian roots come through in a several excellent regional dishes, including a delicate *petit pain soufflé*, a tiny poppy-

seed-flecked breadlike soufflé filled with crabmeat and surrounded by a creamy shrimp sauce; petite appetizer onion tart, and a superb apricot strudel served with almond-flavored ice cream.

More adventurous palates might opt for the *charcuterie de gros artichauts, brandade de morse et saumon légèrement fumé*, a fish and vegetable combination that could signal disaster in hands less adept. The dish is a sure-fire summertime winner, offering swirls of the most subtle of freshly smoked sweet salmon, a round of mousseline-like artichokes, and velvety spoonfuls of salt cod purée.

Main courses are evenly divided between fish, meat and fowl, and include a superbly simple offering of sautéed lobster and a *tempura of langoustines*; and a pleater of grilled monkfish served with a Provençal-inspired eggplant *tian*, or terrine.

The wine list offers some good choices: On my last visit, I opted for a Fousalotte white and red, two even and dependable wines from the Rhône.

Despite the stunning view, I still prefer the Jules Verne in daylight, for the harsh and unflattering halogen table lighting makes an unattractive place to dine in the evening.

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Leasing a Car? Reserve It Early

By Conrad de Aenlle
International Herald Tribune

PARIS—Renting or leasing a car for a summer holiday in Europe is best done from a great distance and somewhat in advance. A car booked from one of the big international companies before leaving home, especially when home is the United States, is nearly always cheaper than one arranged in the country where it will be picked up.

Cheaper still is to go through a leasing agency, that can cut the cost by more than half. But it can be trickier than a rental to arrange. There is a lot of paperwork, so it must be done several weeks ahead, ideally at least a month. And leases often can be done for no less than three weeks. But the savings that accrue from going through a leasing

specialist can be so substantial that it may be worth paying for a three-week lease and returning it early if vacation time is short. This is usually allowed, although there is no refund on early returns.

To reserve a car, the customer usually must pay in advance and sign a contract, some of which may be in French, in which he essentially is agreeing to buy a car and then resell it to the leasing agency. Don't worry. The agency promises in the contract to buy it back for the purchase price minus the agreed rate. Once the papers are signed, they are sent on to the country where the car is to be picked up. No more money changes hands after that.

The cheapest country to arrange to pick up a leased car is France, thanks to a loophole in French law that allows cars sold in such purchase-repurchase deals to go untaxed. A small car leased for three weeks in

the United States through Kemwel, one of the larger leasing specialists, costs \$489 in midsummer, including all insurance and unlimited driving, when picked up in Paris. By comparison, Kemwel charges \$538 for a two-week conventional rental made on the same terms.

Although all leases are technically done in France, a Kemwel representative said arrangements can be made to pick up and/or drop off their cars in major cities throughout Europe. The additional cost is \$55 each way for Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Brussels, Barcelona and Milan. The charges are higher farther from France.

While that may still make leased cars cheaper than rentals, drivers may end up paying in other ways if they are not careful. An agent for a company that arranges long-term rentals in Europe, but does not do tax-free leases, notes that drivers are responsible for maintaining the cars and "if something goes wrong once you're on the road, you're on your own. There are a lot of things about these purchase-repurchase agreements they don't tell you about."

If this makes you think that a regular rental will work out best, it should be done before leaving home.

"There seems to be a vast difference between getting the rate stateside and in the particular country," said Jan Hammond, who owns the Travel Planners/Carlson Travel Network agency north of Miami.

Why prices are so much lower remains a mystery, she remarked. "It doesn't have anything to do with currency exchange. The real, true bottom line as to why, I just don't know." France is a moderately priced country, at least for renting cars. The most expensive places in Europe are Ireland, high-tax countries such as Scandinavia, and Italy, where car theft is a national sport.

DO'S AND DON'TS

- Check Out Prices**
Do call the same place a couple of times. The quotes are often different and sometimes very different.
- Holiday Specials**
Don't forget to book more than two weeks ahead. Many of the majors offer holiday specials at substantial savings.
- Club Discounts**
Do ask about corporate or club discounts, which usually are in the range of 5 percent to 10 percent.

- Airport Ripoffs**
Don't rent at the airport. There can be an extra fee because the rental companies' costs there are higher.
- Billing Instructions**
Do be careful when giving out your credit card number over the phone. Your account may be billed immediately, even when you think you're only reserving a car. Make sure the company tells you what it intends to bill you for and when, and how you can back out if you want to.

BOOKS

THE GEOGRAPHY OF NOWHERE.

The Rise and Decline of America's Man-Made Landscape
By James Howard Kunstler. 303 pages. \$23. Simon & Schuster.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

EIGHTY percent of everything ever built in America has been built in the last 50 years, writes the novelist and reporter James Howard Kunstler in his stimulating new book, "and most of it is depressing, brutal, ugly, unhealthy and spiritually degrading." The five-plate counter-trust houses, warehouses, the Postmodern village shopping plazas with their vast parking lots, the Leggo-block hotel complexes, the "gourmet merrisard" junk-food joints, the Orwellian office parks, the learning buildings sheathed in the same reflective glass as the sunglasses worn by chain-gang guards, the particle-board garden apartments rising up in every meadow and cornfield, the freeway loops around city and little city with their churning, discoloring, meaty marts, "the whole destructive, wasteful, toxic, apocalyptic-inducing spectacle that politicians proudly call growth."

Just how the American landscape got to be this way and what can be done about it are the subjects that Kunstler tackles with considerable energy and wit.

As Kunstler sees it, the main culprit responsible for the deterioration of the American landscape is the country's ethos of individualism; a belief he says degrades "the idea of the public realm and hence of the landscape tissue that ties together the thousands of pieces of private property that make up a town, a suburb, a state." The American dream of owning a house (and an automobile too) has led, he argues, to a nation of isolated and alienated individuals, who spend more and more time commuting to work and much of their remaining time at home alone with their televisions.

hoods that used to be found in American towns and cities has diminished, because of restrictive zoning laws and the middle-class migration to outlying suburbs.

What's more, Kunstler says, the sense of community fostered by personal and business relationships within a town has been undermined by the tendency of Americans to move every four years and by the displacement of small, privately owned businesses (the corner grocery, the local bookstore, the neighborhood five-and-dime) by chain stores that neither pump their profits back into the town nor promote longtime loyalties with customers.

Human beings, Kunstler says, need a sense of their connectedness to others, a sense of shared purpose, and in his view, this vital need has been poorly served by American architects and city planners.

In addition, Kunstler says, as tax revenues were poured into the construction of an elaborate highway system, less money was made available for other forms of public building. He writes that this is the reason that "every town hall built after 1950 is a concrete-block shed full of cheap paneling and plastic furniture, why public schools look like overgrown gas stations, why courthouses, firehouses, halls of records, libraries, museums, post offices and other civic monuments are indistinguishable from bottling plants and cold-storage warehouses."

As such passages indicate,

Kunstler has a taste for hyperbole that makes for lively reading, but that also makes for some dubious generalizations. A chapter that opens a detailed debt to Tom Wolfe's "From Bauhaus to Our House" uses simplistic and overly reductive terms to assail modernism as the "fraudulent and barbarous" doctrine behind the ugly, cookie-cutter architecture that has defaced the American landscape.

In fact, Kunstler displays a penchant throughout the book for delivering broad, debatable assertions with the air of received truth. He insists that new housing starts are not a positive economic sign but a symptom of the growing defacement of the American countryside; and he argues that children are "the biggest losers" in suburban life. They are trapped in a "one-dimensional world," he says, and their inability to drive "impairs their developing sense of personal sovereignty."

Still, there are lots of interesting nuggets in "The Geography of Nowhere": a pitifully familiar analysis of the automobile's impact on American life; some amusing reflections on the collective fantasies promoted by places like Disney World and Atlantic City, and a series of highly subjective observations on changing fashions in architectural style. Indeed, if one approaches "The Geography of Nowhere" not as an objective assessment of our national landscape but as a kind of impassioned jeremiad, it makes for provocative and entertaining reading.

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WHAT THEY'RE READING

Estelle Le Bourhis, fashion curator of the Musée des Arts de la Mode in Paris, is reading "Chroniques Estimées," the diary of Nicholas Sombart, who chronicled the comings and goings of Berlin intellectuals.

"It's like a memory that has been cut off—the life of a sociologist growing up in the intellectual world of Berlin in the 1930s and '40s." (Suey Menkes, IHT)

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

MICHAEL Rosenberg and Zia Mahmood, playing at Honors Club in Manhattan had the top North-South score in New York City. On the diagrammed deal they outwitted the official analysts. They pushed to six no-trump, with a natural sequence that included a strongly invitational raise from three no-trump to five no-trump. West led a heart, which does not appear to help the declarer. But it did. Mahmood, known to be a brilliant analyst, finessed, won in his hand, and formed an expert plan involving a "Morton's Fork Coup." He would, he decided, take some diamond winners—three or four but not five—and then lead a low spade. He would then be safe if the spades split evenly or if East held the king.

In the actual situation East was due to be victimized by the coup: If he spent his king, South would have three spade tricks; and if he saved it South would eventually surrender a heart trick to make his slam.

The official booklet noted that "Twelve tricks can, it is true, be made on a neutral lead—declarer starts spades by leading low from the table—but this would not be a natural play to make."

That analysis was accurate after a diamond lead, or after an unlikely club lead which at tacks South's communications. But it was wrong, as Mahmood demonstrated, after a heart lead and a winning finesse. And after a spade lead, which happened at many tables, East is forked immediately when South plays low from the dummy.

For making the slam Mahmood and Rosenberg scored 87 instant match points out of a possible 100.

NORTH (D)
♠ A J 7 4
♥ A 3
♦ A K Q J 9
♣ 10 2

WEST
♠ 10 2
♥ K 5 4 2
♦ 10 7 6 2
♣ Q 8 6

EAST
♠ K 8 5
♥ 8 7 5
♦ 9 4
♣ J 9 5 3

SOUTH
♠ Q 6 3
♥ Q J 10 8
♦ 8 3
♣ A K 7 4

North and South were vulnerable. The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 N.T. Pass
3 N.T. Pass 5 N.T. Pass
6 N.T. Pass Pass
West led the heart two.

BRITAIN

London
Tate Gallery (tel: 821.13.15) To Sept. 6: "Paris Post War: Art and Existentialism 1945-55." Paintings and sculptures by artists whose work was affected by the turbulent climate of the period.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden (tel: 240.10.83) July 9, 12, 14, 15, 18, 21, 23 Mozart's "Don Giovanni." Conducted by Bernard Haitink, with Thomas Allen as Don Giovanni and Claudio Desderi as Leporello. Also, July 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin." Conducted by Valery Gergiev, music director of the Kirov Opera, with Sergei Leiferkus as Onegin and Luba Kazarmovskaya as Tatiana.
Manchester
The Whitworth Art Gallery (tel: 273.48.65). To July 31: "Royal Residences of the Victorian Era." An exhibition of watercolors from the Royal Library at Windsor.

CANADA

Toronto
Art Gallery of Ontario (Tel: 977.04.14). To Aug. 1: "Master Prints from the Museum's Private Collection." Featuring more than 100 prints from the 15th to 20th centuries. Included are works by Albrecht Dürer, Rembrandt, Paul Gauguin and Pablo Picasso.

DENMARK

Humblebaek
Louisiana Museum of Modern Art (tel: 42.19.07.19). To Aug. 29: "George Baszitz, 1908-1993." A retrospective of the artist's most recent paintings, sculpture and graphic works.

FRANCE

Dijon
Musée des Beaux-Arts (tel: 80.74.53.44). To Sept. 27: "L'Age d'Or Flamand et Hollandais." Collections of Catherine II. More than 40 works by 17th century Dutch and Flemish artists from St. Petersburg's Hermitage Museum collection.
Lyon
Espace Lyonnais d'Art Contemporain (tel: 78.42.27.99). To Oct. 15: "La Collection Maeght, Trois Générateurs." A homage to the Gallery Maeght, includes works by Calder, Giacometti and Miró.

Paris
Musée Carnavalet (tel: 42.72.21.13). To Aug. 29: "Henri Gavry: 1852-1929." More than 170 paintings, drawings and photographs by the French artist.
Musée du Louvre (tel: 40.20.50.50). To July 26: "Copernicus: 1793-1993." Some 250 works of well-known artists who found their inspiration in copying masterworks of the Louvre museum.

Musée du Petit Palais (tel: 42.65.12.73). To July 18: "Soleils de Russie: Mille Ans d'Orléans." Two hundred and fifteen objects in gold, silver and enamel created by Russian jewelers and goldsmiths from the 10th to the 20th centuries.



Van Gogh painting, a study for his "Potato Eaters," at the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam.

GERMANY

Berlin
Martin-Gropius-Bau (tel: 324.50.78). To July 25: "American Art in the 20th Century." Two hundred paintings and sculptures by 60 artists assess the achievements of 20th-century American art from a European viewpoint.
Tel Aviv
Tel Aviv Museum of Art (tel: 685.73.61). Opened May 8: "Twentieth Century Modern Masters: The Mizne Memorial Collection." More than 60 acquisitions of modern paintings, including works by Braque, Kirin, Kandinsky, Dufy and Del.

Jerusalem
The Israel Museum (tel: 70.88.11). To Nov. 22: "Post-Human." Works by 26 contemporary artists including Jeff Koons, Robert Gober and Cindy Sherman, and the "reinterpreted" photographs of artists such as Jun Furuta or Tokihiko Satoh.

Amsterdam
Van Gogh Museum (tel: 570.52.00). To Aug. 29: "The Potato Eaters." Drawings and paintings relating to van Gogh's "Potato Eaters," which he finished in 1885. In addition, there will be a showing of the series, "Frugal Meals," by other 19th-century artists such as Max Liebermann, Joseph Israels and Johannes Albert Nauhuys.

Washington
Arthur M. Sackler Gallery (tel: 357.48.81). To Sept. 26: "The Golden Age of Sculpture from Sri Lanka." Sculptures in bronze, gilt bronze and gold from the second through the 12th centuries.

Corning
Corning Gallery of Art (tel: 639.32.11). To July 11: "American Art, American Vision." Works by Thomas Hart Benton, Thomas Eakins, Georgia O'Keefe and Gilbert Scharf, among others, trace the evolution of painting in the United States. National Gallery of Art (tel: 737.42.15). To July 25: "British Watercolors: The Great Age (1750-1860)." A survey of more than 200 works from the mid-18th to the 19th century, including Gainsborough, Constable and Turner.

Smithsonian Institution (tel: 557.26.27). To Sept. 12: "Jean Dubuffet 1904-83: Paintings, Sculptures, Assemblages." Includes nearly 100 examples of the artist's works.

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SINGAPORE

National Museum (tel: 270.79.88). To Aug. 1: "Gilding the Phoenix." Exhibition of traditional Peranakan jewelry. The Peranakans are the descendants of Chinese who settled in Malacca several hundred years back.

ITALY

Florence
Palazzo Strozzi (tel: 239.85.63). To July 11: "Vesili Kandinsky." A selection of paintings by this 20th-century artist.

JAPAN

Tokyo
The Hara Museum of Contemporary Art (tel: 34.45.06.51). To Aug.

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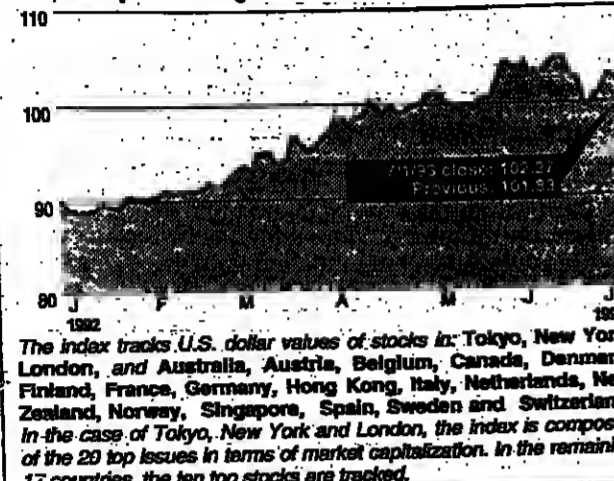
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Region	Approx. Weighting	Close	Prev.	% Change
Asia/Pacific	23%	118.12	116.68	+1.28
Europe	47%	97.29	98.71	-1.42
N. America	30%	83.97	84.85	-0.88

Industrial Sector	Close	Prev.	% Change
Energy	108.09	102.90	+5.19
Utilities	107.84	107.25	+0.59
Finance	108.69	108.00	+0.69
Services	111.91	111.65	+0.26
Capital Goods	88.83	88.50	+0.34
Raw Materials	88.78	88.74	+0.04
Consumer Goods	86.85	86.71	+0.16
Miscellaneous	103.18	101.54	+1.64

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A Brussels Booster Takes EC Helm

Belgium Vows to Work to Advance European Union

By Tom Buerkle
International Herald Tribune
BRUSSELS — Belgium took on the leadership of the European Community in fighting on Thursday, pledging to revive Europe's confidence by renewing the drive toward a single currency and aggressively defending the continent's social safety net. "It's of the greatest importance to put Europe back on the rails," said Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene of Belgium, which will hold the Community's rotating presidency for the next six months. "We wish to convince everyone in Europe that it's in working together that we'll be able to get out of the current crisis."

Belgian officials also endorsed EC efforts to complete the Uruguay Round of global trade negotiations but only on the "one fundamental principle — reciprocity." Foreign Minister Willy Claes said at a joint news conference. "That was a thinly veiled critique of unilateral trade actions by the United States, including the recent Commerce Department decision to impose heavy anti-dumping duties on steel imports from the Community and other countries."

Mr. Claes will get an early chance to signal his trade stance on Friday, when EC foreign ministers will review the progress of recent talks between the Community, the United States, Japan and Canada, and prospects for an outline agreement on tariff reduction at the Group of Seven summit meeting in Tokyo next week.

Prime Minister Edouard Balladur of France said this week there would be no pact on tariffs unless Washington abandons its steel duties, and EC sources suggested that France might push for retaliatory measures at Friday's meeting.

Mr. Claes declined to say whether he would endorse retaliation. A spokesman for the EC Commission, which handles trade negotiations for the 12 members, said it would urge the ministers to give a "very strong reaction" to the U.S. duties but preferred to fight them through the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, not with retaliatory sanctions.

Mr. Dehaene said the divisive debate over the Treaty on European Union over the past year and the preceding presidencies of Denmark and Britain, where doubts about the Maastricht treaty have been greatest, have deepened the economic crisis gripping the Community.

Mr. Dehaene said implementing the Treaty on European Union signed at Maastricht, the Netherlands, and resolving the economic crisis were "Siamese twins" because the way out of recession could come only through strengthened EC institutions.

His first priority is to establish the European Monetary Institute, the forerunner of the envisioned future EC central bank that is supposed to be up and running by next Jan. 1.

Mr. Dehaene said he favored holding an extraordinary EC summit meeting in late October if the 12 member states could agree on a site for the institute, as well as other new European agencies called for in the Maastricht treaty.

Balladur Says He Hopes to See a Trade Accord Soon

By Joseph Fitchett
International Herald Tribune
PARIS — Apparently intent on defusing impressions that France would play a spoiler role at next week's economic summit meeting in Tokyo, Prime Minister Edouard Balladur said Thursday his government hoped to see a world trade agreement in the next few months, perhaps helped by the upcoming Tokyo talks among the Group of Seven industrial countries.

He repeated the United States for the timing of its decision to slap punitive import duties on steel, including French products, and said the move damaged the negotiating climate. France, he said in an interview with a group of U.S. journalists, was entitled to defend itself with similar measures.

Mr. Balladur told a cabinet meeting in Paris Monday that removal of U.S. anti-dumping sanctions on European steel exports was a prerequisite to any world trade agreement. Peter Watson, vice chairman of the U.S. Commerce Department's International Trade Commission, which made the import duties ruling, called Mr. Balladur's comments insulting and asked for an apology.

U.S. to Oppose Court Ruling On Trade Pact

By Paul F. Horvitz
International Herald Tribune
WASHINGTON — The White House will vigorously oppose a court ruling on the North American Free Trade Agreement while it battles in court to overturn a judge's ruling that could seriously delay the accord, the top U.S. trade official said Thursday.

Mr. Kantor added, "The judge did not say we could not continue on, which we will, to negotiate or even submit it to the Congress."

Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, said he expected the ruling would be voided on appeal. He added that negotiations with Mexico and Canada would continue on a side agreement to NAFTA designed to protect the environment along U.S. borders, especially the frontier with Mexico.

The implications of the ruling are considered enormous by trade specialists. If upheld, it could seriously undermine the authority of the president to negotiate trade deals, Judge Richey concluded that Congress, not the president, holds the ultimate authority over foreign commerce even though the president has the power to negotiate treaties.

"It does not stop anything," Mr. Kantor said of the ruling Wednesday by District Judge Charles R. Richey, which requires the government to follow the National Environmental Policy Act and provide an environmental impact statement on the NAFTA accord before it goes into effect.

Two environmental groups and a self-described public-interest lobby brought the lawsuit in an effort to ensure that international agreements would not have the effect of undermining strong environmental and product safety laws in the United States.

The Justice Department said Thursday it had filed a formal notice of appeal. Reuters reported the case will be handled by the court of appeals for the District of Columbia circuit, and a decision could come as early as mid-August.

Mr. Kantor, in a briefing late Wednesday after the judge's ruling, said there were three key reasons the judgment could not be permitted to stand.

Thinking Ahead

Clinton Is Bull-Headed on Japan

By Regina Dale
International Herald Tribune
WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton has short-sightedly staked up a confrontation with Japan ahead of next week's Group of Seven summit meeting in Tokyo, raising fresh doubts about his ability to reassert U.S. global leadership. But it is not too late for him to change tack.

Mr. Clinton's two worst mistakes so far have been to reduce the complex U.S.-Japanese relationship to the single issue of trade, and then to try to browbeat Japan into slashing its surplus by adopting numerical performance targets. However, strenuously Washington rejects the charge, the Japanese are right to cry managed trade.

Fortunately a voice of reason has entered this overheated debate. In a report this week titled Rethinking Japan Policy, a study group convened by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace endorses Mr. Clinton's call for a "new partnership" between the United States and Japan and agrees that the Japanese trade surplus must be addressed. But the group rejects numerical targets, saying it has "no confidence in the ability of governments to substitute political judgments for the decisions of markets." Quite so. Instead, the group rightly calls for tax cuts to spur Japanese demand and stepped-up efforts to promote Japanese consumption.

But the report's main service to the debate is to take point up the folly of Mr. Clinton's failure to take the broader strategic picture into account. The United States already does over 40 percent more trade with Asia than with Western Europe. In an area threatened by instability in Russia, explosive growth in China and a possibly nuclear North Korea, U.S. partnership with Japan is indispensable, the report says. "A real rift between the U.S. and Japan would create fear and uncertainty in Asia with unpredictable consequences," it adds. Even after the Cold War, American and Japanese interests still converge on virtually all important security issues.

A Hesitant, Late Recovery for Industrial World

Further Job Losses Are Forecast by OECD

Growth Stirs in East Europe

By Carl Gewirtz
International Herald Tribune
PARIS — Brisk growth in Asia outside Japan and further recovery in Latin America over the coming 18 months will help buoy exports from the major industrial countries, but that will not be enough to alter the downturn picture. A solid recovery in the industrial nations "is still some way off," says the semiannual Economic Outlook published Thursday by the OECD.

At best, the report foresees a moderate but uncertain recovery in the 24 member states of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. This outlook assumes an acceleration of world trade starting around now and continuing into next year.

But, the report states, "even where recovery is under way such as the United States, Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, its pace has been hesitant, and in most of these countries this pattern seems set to continue."

Unemployment is expected to keep rising to 36 million people. Most of this will be concentrated in Western Europe where 23 million, up from 19 million at the end of last year, are projected to be without work by next year.

Gold Rockets Up

As Investors Pile In

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
NEW YORK — Gold rose sharply Thursday to its highest price in two-and-a-half years, as big investors piled onto the metal's bandwagon for a variety of reasons.

Gold futures for August delivery rocketed up \$9.20 an ounce to close at \$388.40 on the New York Commodity Exchange. The metal has gained 19 percent since March, when it stood at an eight-year low. Searching to explain Thursday's leap, analysts cited such diverse reasons as the dollar's weakness after rapid economic data, the series of interest rate cuts in Europe and sharp gains in the Commodity Research Bureau's futures index, a key inflation indicator.

But the basic reason appeared to be a lack of attractive alternatives for the managers of commodity and other funds.

"When you look at your other possibilities for investing," said Scott Meyers, senior analyst with Roda Trading Inc., "your choices are limited."

CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

Cross Rates		Eurocurrency Deposits		Key Money Rates	
Country	Rate	Term	Rate	Country	Rate
Australia	1.38	1 month	3 1/2-3 3/4	Canada	7.75
Belgium	36.36	3 months	3 1/2-3 3/4	France	6.00
Canada	77.15	6 months	3 1/2-3 3/4	Germany	5.00
France	6.55	1 year	3 1/2-3 3/4	Italy	10.00
Germany	1.93			Japan	5.25
Italy	10.00			UK	9.00
Japan	163.60			US	7.00
UK	1.63				
US	0.61				

Other Dollar Values		Forward Rates		Gold	
Country	Rate	Term	Rate	Country	Rate
Australia	1.38	30-day	1.38	Australia	375.00
Belgium	36.36	60-day	1.38	Canada	375.00
Canada	77.15	90-day	1.38	France	375.00
France	6.55	120-day	1.38	Germany	375.00
Germany	1.93			Italy	375.00
Italy	10.00			Japan	375.00
Japan	163.60			UK	375.00
UK	1.63			US	375.00
US	0.61				

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MARKET DIARY

Mixed U.S. Data Leave Stocks Flat

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NEW YORK — Faced with mixed signals on the U.S. economy, investors traded stocks heavily on Thursday, but the market ended with little change.

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 5.54 points, to 3,510.54, but advancing issues on the New York Stock Exchange outnumbered decliners by an 11-8 ratio.

N.Y. Stocks

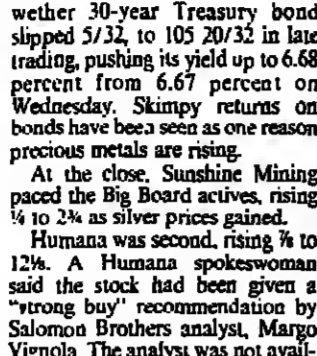
Traders said that after a 12-point Dow drop into midmorning, when the market was disappointed by the June national purchasing managers' report, the major averages stabilized and eventually retraced to their previous levels.

GOLD: Big Investors Jump In

Continued from Page 11 my red in only a very modest recovery. The purchasing managers' data undercut the dollar, which fell more than 1 percent, to 1.6930 Deutsche marks at the New York close from 1.7049 DM on Wednesday, despite the Bundesbank's cuts of its discount and Lombard interest rates.

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Table of world stock markets including Amsterdam, Helsinki, Brussels, Frankfurt, London, and others.



The Dow Daily closings of the Dow Jones industrial average

whether 30-year Treasury bond slipped 5/32, to 105 20/32 in late trading, pushing its yield up to 6.68 percent from 6.67 percent on Wednesday. Skippy returns on bonds have been seen as one reason precious metals are rising.

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Weak Pulse for U.S. Industry

WASHINGTON (NYT) — A spate of weak U.S. economic numbers continued Thursday as purchasing managers reported that their industrial index skidded in June to under 50 percent, the dividing line between expansion and contraction. It was the lowest reading in 18 months.

McDonnell to Keep Helicopters Unit

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — McDonnell Douglas Corp. said Thursday it has dropped its plans to sell its helicopter business or to find a joint venture partner for the unit. The company's stock fell \$2.15, to \$72 a share.

Phillips to Renew North Sea Complex

BARTLESVILLE, Oklahoma (Bloomberg) — Phillips Petroleum Co. unveiled a plan Thursday to save its expensive North Sea oil and gas complex, estimating the cost of building a new facility at \$3 billion to \$4 billion for Phillips and its partners in the Ekofisk field.

Microsoft Wins Ruling on Piracy

REDMOND, Washington (Bloomberg) — Microsoft Corp. said Thursday it won the biggest award ever in a software piracy case, a \$12.5 million judgment against BEC Computer Co. of Taiwan.

JWP Confers With Creditor Banks

RYEBROOK, New York (Bloomberg) — JWP Inc. is taking steps that will likely lead the nation's largest mechanical and electrical services contractor to file a prepackaged Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition to restructure its finances, analysts said.

For the Record

Wang Laboratories Inc., which has been shedding assets while reorganizing in bankruptcy court, plans to sell its computer and office supplies business to Nashua Corp. for an undisclosed sum.

AMAX

AMAX Inc. said its directors voted to omit the company's September quarterly dividend. Last quarter it paid 10 cents per share.

NAFTA: U.S. Seeks to Overtake Ruling Against Pact

Continued from Page 11 He said Mr. Clinton remained committed to NAFTA and would "move forward to complete the negotiations and to submit the agreement for congressional approval."

Fears of Glut Hit Oil Prices

NEW YORK — World oil prices slumped Thursday to the lowest level in five months when the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations said America would not object to oil sales by Iraq under terms agreed with the UN.

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EBRD Taps Interim President

By Erik Ipsen
International Herald Tribune

LONDON — Directors of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development avoided a potentially messy tussle over the naming of an interim president on Thursday. At an informal meeting, they agreed that Ronald Freeman, the bank's No. 2 official and an American, will step into that slot if the need arises.

When Jacques Attali resigned as president last Friday, he said he would stay on until a successor is chosen. But with mounting concerns about a highly critical report from the bank's auditors, some directors now fear that Mr. Attali may be forced to leave before his successor can be found. Cooper & Lybrand, the accounting firm, is scheduled to deliver a report on the EBRD's spending on July 15th.

One believed director said the agreement to allow Mr. Freeman to step into the post will prevent "a most awful squabble which could embarrass the bank." European directors only reluctantly agreed to see interim control of the bank fall to Mr. Freeman. The bank's charter stipulates that the position of president must be filled by a European.

For Mr. Freeman, the decision marked a major reversal of fortune. Only last month Mr. Attali had presented a plan for a massive reorganization of the bank, which would have effectively demoted him to No. 4 in the hierarchy and demphasized the merchant-banking division that he leads. At that time Mr. Freeman was reported to have been on the brink of resignation.

Sources also listed the World Bank's Ernest Stern as a casualty of Mr. Attali's resignation. Under the reorganization plan, Mr. Stern was to be brought in to effectively run the EBRD. "The problem with Jacques Attali was that he was not a manager," said one director. "He didn't really bother with the day-to-day things — no one really did."

The task of finding a replacement for Mr. Attali is now expected to drag on for weeks, with the actual election of a new president not expected before the end of August.

France has decided to propose the governor of the Bank of France, Jacques de Larosière as its candidate to head the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, a spokesman for the prime minister's office said Thursday.

Denmark, meanwhile, added its own candidate to the list, Flemming Christophersen, the EC Commission vice president and economic affairs commissioner.

Carmakers' Japanese Lesson

Volvo and Renault Borrow Design Strategies

By James Bennet
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The joint strategic and product planning operation announced by Volvo and Renault as part of their tightening alliance will borrow Japanese strategies to design and build large cars more cheaply, Volvo executives said.

Taking a lesson from the Japanese, engineers will design new platforms, or wheel bases, with an eye toward more efficient and less costly production, said Soren Gyll, president and chief executive of Volvo AB, parent company of the Swedish automaker, in an interview in New York on Wednesday.

The two companies will also save by sharing the high costs of developing such platforms. "That's a very expensive stage, the first couple of years when you decide the basic platform," Mr. Gyll said.

Having recorded a loss of \$3.1 billion (3,447 million) last year — its worst in history — Volvo has been trying to wring savings from every stage of production to stay competitive in a deteriorating European auto market, he said.

Volvo has already made great savings by cutting its average production time for some cars from 70 hours two years ago to less than 45 hours today, according to Mr. Gyll — still more than double the average of some Japanese plants.

The joint planning department with the French automaker, announced Tuesday, is a further sign

German Leaders Defend Maastricht In High Court Test

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

KARLSRUHE, Germany — Defending the Maastricht treaty before the German Constitutional Court, Finance Minister Theo Waigel said Thursday that a single European currency would remove turbulence and strengthen Europe's hand against the dollar and the yen.

At the same time he cautioned that Germany would not be able to enter economic and monetary union in either 1997 or 1999 if budget deficits were not reduced.

Germany opened its legal defense of the Treaty on European Union against a spate of challengers, who view joint foreign and monetary policies as either unwise or illegal.

The strongest challenge comes from Manfred Brunner, a former employee of the European Community who says the treaty violates the German constitution, which says "all powers belong to the nation."

Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said the constitution had been amended to make sure that European union did not conflict with German law. He said the real question was whether united Germany was loyal to Europe.

"There must be no doubts about our reliability," he said. "We cannot afford to lose the confidence we have won."

Mr. Kinkel said European integration after World War II had been a condition for West Germany, rising from the ashes of the Third Reich, to be accepted as an equal partner.

Mr. Waigel said the treaty had rules for guaranteeing a stable value of the single European currency, which would take over from the Deutsche mark and other currencies. "The most recent turbulence in the European Monetary System

Exchange	Index	Thursday Close	Prev. Close	% Change
Frankfurt DAX		112.70	112.50	+0.18
London FTSE 100 Index		6,587.94	6,534.40	+0.82
Paris CAC 40		1,708.63	1,687.63	+0.53
Amsterdam CBS Trend		684.60	689.39	+0.70
Brussels Stock Index		1,169.52	1,164.91	+0.40
Frankfurt FAZ		2,262.00	2,270.90	-0.39
Helsinki HEX		2,888.80	2,900.00	-0.39
London Financial Times 30		262.37	258.94	+1.32
London FTSE 100		1,184.00	1,178.00	+0.42
Madrid General Index		1,960.15	1,971.57	-0.59
Milan MIB		1,318.90	1,320.51	-0.12
Paris CAC 40		376.89	376.70	+0.05
Stockholm Aftersveerden		812.00	810.00	+0.25
Vienna Stock Index				
Zurich SBS				

Sources: Reuters, AFP
International Herald Tribune

France Limits Non-EC Investors

Reuters

PARIS — The French government has accepted an amendment to its privatization bill that will bar non-European Community investors from buying stakes of more than 20 percent in privatized companies.

The concession to nationalists in the ruling coalition restores a limit set in the last privatization drive in 1986, which the government had planned to drop since it has other ways of blocking unwanted holdings.

EC investors are not included in the injunction because EC legislation prevents member states from discriminating against Community citizens or companies.

The amendment, proposed by members of the center-right majority, also does not apply to cross-share-

Denmark Official Sees Unity Adrift

Reuters

COPENHAGEN — European Community states are drifting away from the plan to establish a single currency by 1999, the Danish central bank governor said Thursday.

Economic developments and a lack of political will are working against it, said Erik Hoffmeyer, a former chairman of the EC central bankers committee and a supporter of monetary union.

He mentioned the departures of Britain and Italy from the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System and French and Danish easing of fiscal policies so they could fight unemployment. "The broad currency cooperation has collapsed and the countries which have devalued have won very big competitive advantages at the cost of the others," Mr. Hoffmeyer said.

Very briefly:

- Grundig AG, the German electronics company, said its net loss in the year ended March 31 widened to 296.3 million Deutsche marks (\$175.3 million) from 18.6 million DM a year earlier because of falling prices and the economic slowdown.
 - France posted a record trade surplus in March of 7.09 billion francs (\$1.24 billion), up from a revised surplus of 5.34 billion francs in February, but the volume of both exports and imports dropped significantly in March.
 - Cable & Wireless PLC of Britain is cutting the price of calls in other European destinations by 8 percent and in North America by 10 percent as part of its battle with British Telecommunications PLC.
 - Hays PLC, the British distribution company, said it planned to buy 75.1 percent of Germany's Meibohm for £32 million (\$47.9 million) as part of its expansion in Continental Europe.
 - East Germany's producer prices were unchanged in May from April and rose 0.9 percent from a year earlier. They had risen in April by 0.2 percent on a monthly basis and by 0.8 percent on an annual basis.
 - Rhine-Polenze SA said it had decided to go ahead with a four-for-one stock split on July 12.
- Bloomberg, AFP, APX*

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...that there is little scope for government action to spur growth prospects. Budget deficits in Britain and France already are "disquieting" and Italy has "no room, even temporarily" to allow its deficit to grow.

The OECD warned that further easing of fiscal policy could do more harm than good by preventing long-term interest rates from falling.

The main message is that "for the first time in three decades, the OECD countries are close to locking in low inflation. If this opportunity is seized, the recovery, when it comes, could usher in a prolonged period of sustained OECD growth."

Drawing on current trends and stated policy objectives, and earnings, the secretary sees overall OECD growth reaching 3 percent to 3.5 percent from mid-1995 onwards with inflation remaining around 2.5 percent over the period 1995-97.

In Japan, activity is expected to pick up in the second half of this year. But the secretary is worried that the fiscal and monetary easing already in motion there could have "more marked effects" than expected and stimulate an economy that was about to recover anyway.

In Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia the OECD expects brisk growth of 6.5 percent on average in 1993 and 1994.

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...the IMF, which imposed macro-economic stabilization and structural reform conditions for continued lending.

Private-sector investment, which the report called crucial to the sustainability of the reform process, "will only be positive when uncertainties about the continuity of policies are dispelled."

Driving inflation down to the low levels achieved by the industrialized countries is not a necessary, the secretary said.

Citing the decade-long experience of Chile and Colombia where "stable moderate inflation" has been running at 15-30 percent per year, the report stated that "when the authorities have clearly proved that acceleration of inflation would be resisted high rates of growth have been compatible with stable moderate inflation rates."

IMF Readies Russia Loan

AFP-Euro News

WASHINGTON — Michel Camdessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said Thursday that Russia was likely to receive a \$1.5 billion loan installment by the end of the year.

"Before the end of the year is a reasonable forecast" for the second payment, Mr. Camdessus said at a news conference.

The IMF announced Wednesday that it had agreed to lend \$1.5 billion to the Russian government and said another \$1.5 billion would become available depending upon progress toward economic reform.

Mr. Camdessus said the additional loan could be available before December. He said the loan could be made "rapidly" depending on the progress of the Russian government in taking steps to dampen inflation.

NASDAQ

Thursday's Prices:
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time.
This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

Symbol	High	Low	Open	Close	Div	Yld	PE	High	Low	Lowest	Close
AA	44.75	44.50	44.75	44.75			17	44.75	44.50	44.25	44.75
ABB	59.00	58.75	59.00	59.00			17	59.00	58.75	58.50	59.00
ABC	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ABT	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ABX	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
AC	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACC	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACE	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACF	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACI	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACK	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACL	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACM	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACN	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACO	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACP	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACQ	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACR	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACS	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACT	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACU	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACV	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACW	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACX	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACY	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ACZ	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
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ADH	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ADI	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
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ADL	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
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ADN	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
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ADU	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ADV	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ADW	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ADX	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ADY	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00
ADZ	10.00	9.875	10.00	10.00			17	10.00	9.875	9.75	10.00

NYSE

Thursday's Closing
Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

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12 Month High	Low	Div	Yld	PE	52 Wk High	52 Wk Low	Volume
198.25	197.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	198.25	197.00	100
198.25	197.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	198.25	197.00	100
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198.25	197.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	198.25	197.00	100
198.25	197.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	198.25	197.00	100
198.25	197.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	198.25	197.00	100
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Lloyd's Seeks Corporate Capital

Bloomberg Business News
LONDON — Lloyd's of London, abandoning 305 years of tradition, will admit corporations as members in order to boost capital following record losses.
"We're seeking to create a parallel membership at Lloyd's to bring in corporate capital alongside individuals' capital," said the Lloyd's chairman, David Rowland on Thursday. "We are convinced that corporate membership has an important role to play in helping secure capital for Lloyd's future. We believe that these proposals are fair and reasonable to individual and corporate members alike."
Lloyd's, which published its results with a three-year lag, posted cumulative losses of £5.5 billion (£8.2 billion) for the years 1988 to 1990. The losses have wiped out many of the traditional sources of capital: individuals, called "names," who put their entire wealth at risk when they underwrite insurance policies. The number of individuals supporting the insurance market peaked at 72,433 in 1988. It is estimated today at 20,000.
Members of Lloyd's group together into syndicates so their pooled wealth will guarantee insurance policies. Profits from the premiums paid for policies are divided among underwriting members. When claims exceed premiums, members must meet the liabilities.
As a result of recent losses, Lloyd's capital base has declined to £8.8 billion from £11.5 billion since 1988, causing the underwriting capacity within the market to shrink accordingly.
Under the proposal, companies will be allowed to join Lloyd's for the first time if they have a net worth of at least £1.5 million in liquid assets such as cash, bonds and equities.
Corporate members will be sheltered from losses of previous years. No corporate member will be allowed to have exposure in any one syndicate exceeding 20 percent of its total premium limit. Mr. Rowland said.

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until the rest of Europe gets back on its feet." But outside analysts said the cut's effects on East Germany would be limited. "It was certainly a reasonable move, but it's very skeptical if it will have any effect in East Germany," said Udo Ludwig, chief analyst of the Economics Research Institute in Halle. "It is more likely that it will help West Germany and therefore indirectly benefit the East."
It was the evening of July 1, 1990, when jubilant East Germans first began lining up to convert their worthless currency into West German marks the next morning. The exchange rate, dictated by Chancellor Helmut Kohl over the loud objections of the Bundesbank, was 1-to-1.
The victory was a Pyrrhic one, however, because it erased a competitive advantage local industry would have enjoyed with a weaker currency.
East Germany still shows no sign of entering a recovery of its own, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said in a report Thursday, meaning it would continue to be a drag on Western Germany.

INTERNATIONAL FUNDS

July 1, 1993

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198.25	197.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	198.25	197.00	100
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China Vows To Cripple Speculation

BEIJING — China will call in loans used to fund speculative experiments in everything from real estate to stock manipulation, a Beijing-controlled newspaper in Hong Kong said on Thursday.

The warning that rampant speculation could hobble economic development is part of a chorus of harsh criticisms of financial chaos that appears to have cost the central bank governor his job.

"At the moment, the financial situation is tense and in fact is getting worse and worse," the *Ta Kung Pao* newspaper reported, quoting a senior Communist Party official. "The basic reason is that domestic loans have appeared in financial work," said the official, who was not identified.

"Large amounts of capital have flowed to the coastal regions, where it is used to speculate in land, speculate in stocks, play the real estate market and make a 'bubble economy' that can be destroyed in one breath," the official said.

The comments are part of a campaign to prepare China for the announcement expected this week that the central bank governor, Li Guizhan, will be replaced by Vice Premier Zhu Rongji.

Mr. Zhu has clearly been given the task of fixing the serious problems in the economy without destroying its vibrancy.

The article in *Ta Kung Pao*, an important Chinese newspaper in Hong Kong, said the government wanted to recover at least 57 billion yuan (\$10 billion at official rates) in funds meant for basic development that had gone to speculation.

Shanghai Raises Prices

Shanghai increased prices sharply Thursday for everything from bus tickets to water as officials seek to shield city coffers from inflation.

"Raw materials and production costs have been rising steadily," a city spokesman said. "The country has decided that the people should share some of the burden."

Parts Greater Than Whole Despite Steps by Japan, Deficit Grows

TOKYO — Japanese automobile manufacturers appear to be on track toward reaching their target of doubling their 1990 purchases of foreign auto parts by 1994, according to executives and analysts on both sides of the Pacific.

That, however, is not reducing the flow of auto parts that Japan keeps shipping to the United States. The U.S. trade deficit with Japan in auto parts actually increased almost 10 percent last year, to \$10.9 billion.

"It is true that we have increased auto parts sales," J.P. Reilly, president of Tenneco Automotive and an advisor to the Commerce Department, told a conference in Detroit. "But we have made only marginal progress in reducing the trade deficit. It is not because we have not tried. It is very frustrating. It seems the harder we try, the further behind we get."

What is causing this, he said later, is that Japanese automakers are shifting production to America. Even as they buy more U.S.-made parts for their U.S. factories, they are also importing more parts from Japan. The auto parts deficit remains stable.

Americans also have been disatisfied with the nature of the purchases.

"A substantial but undetermined portion of the American parts being purchased are made in the United States by Japanese suppliers. While helping Japanese-owned companies that employ Americans, such purchases do not help existing U.S. suppliers who believe they are locked out of the Japanese market."

Most of the U.S. parts being purchased are for use in the U.S. factories of Japanese automakers. Exports of U.S. parts to Japan are not increasing fast enough to satisfy U.S. trade officials.

Many of the parts being purchased from U.S. companies are simple mechanical parts such as carpets and aluminum, rather than high-technology components such as engines and electronic controls that account for much of the vehicle's value. This, however, appears to be changing.

Eighteen months ago, the Japanese car companies announced during then-President George Bush's trip to Tokyo what they called voluntary plans that collectively would amount to purchases of \$19 billion of U.S. parts by the year ending in March 1995. That compared with \$9 billion in the year ended March 1991. In the fiscal year ending in March 1993, Japanese automobile companies bought \$13.6 billion worth of American parts, up 30 percent from a year earlier, according to the Japan

Automobile Manufacturers Association. If that rate of increase continues for two years, the target will be easily exceeded.

The Japanese say the plan is voluntary, not a promise and they do not want to set any more goals. The United States, they say, already misinterprets it as a commitment.

In any case, the \$31.5 billion trade deficit in autos and auto parts with Japan — which accounted for nearly 66 percent of the entire trade deficit in 1992 — will prove highly resilient.

In an upcoming report, the University of Michigan estimates that the parts deficit will range between \$8.8 billion and \$10.6 billion in 1993, compared with \$10.9 billion in 1992. The small reduction reflects the fact that Japanese auto production in the United States is increasing, bringing in more parts from Japan. The trade deficit in autos might decline somewhat more significantly, reflecting fewer exports from Japan. The report predicts it will range from \$16.6 billion to \$21.08 billion in 1996 compared to \$20.6 billion in 1992.

Auto executives agree that the numerical target has one effect: "I remember when I used to go in to Toyota and get shifted back and forth between international purchasing and NUMMI and we couldn't get our foot in the door," said Glen Filion, executive director of engineering for the Japanese subsidiary of Dana Corp. Now the Ohio company is supplying drive shafts for Toyota pickup trucks in both Japan and at New United Motor Manufacturing Inc., Toyota's joint venture with General Motors in California.

With the appreciation of the yen, it makes economic sense for Japanese companies to buy U.S. parts. However, the drop in Japan's domestic auto production has caused Japanese suppliers to complain about competition.

The U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor, said in Tokyo this week that U.S. exports of car parts to Japan were only \$1 billion annually, or about 1 percent of Japan's \$98 billion market. Japanese officials say that imports from the United States accounted for \$2.4 billion of the \$13.6 billion in U.S. parts procured last year. The discrepancy is that the Japanese count items such as carpets and leather.

Mr. Kantor said Washington expressed concern to the Japanese government that much of the U.S. parts purchases by transplant auto factories comes from 400 or so Japanese-owned suppliers that have set up factories in the United States.

"This is just replicating these exclusionary practices in the United States," said Lee Kadrich, director of government affairs for the Automotive Parts and Accessories Association, a trade group.

ADB Chief Quits Amid Mounting Criticism of Role

TOKYO — Kimimasa Tarumizu, the president of the Asian Development Bank whose leadership had been criticized as weak and directionless, resigned Thursday, citing health.

He will be succeeded in November by Mitsuo Sato, 60, deputy president of the Tokyo Stock Exchange and a former official of the Ministry of Finance, a government source said.

The change at the top of Asia's main development bank comes just one week after Jacques Anouh quit as head of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. There was mounting criticism that spending controls were sloppy and its lending pace languid.

Mr. Tarumizu's departure was expected for months.

It appears to reflect an attempt by the Japanese government to give direction to an institution that is struggling to define its role in a region that is the world's most dynamic economically, and one whose character has been transformed by the end of the Cold War.

"The ADB has lost its way," said Dennis Yasutomo, an associate professor at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, and a visiting scholar at the Ministry of Finance through last May. "It is changing and the question is: Will the ADB change with it?"

Mr. Tarumizu, a consensus-minded bureaucrat who liked to delegate responsibility, was installed in 1989, partly as a reaction to his predecessor, Masuo Fujioka, whose authoritarian style had led in tensions with the United States.

Mr. Tarumizu's style, however, had also become a liability. Even

Investor's Asia

Exchange	Index	Thursday Close	Prev. Close	% Change
Hong Kong	Hong Seng	7,205.36	7,009.28	+1.49
Singapore	Straits Times	1,798.94	1,802.78	-0.21
Sydney	All Ordinaries	1,755.30	1,738.80	+0.95
Tokyo	Nikkei 225	19,824.81	19,690.00	+1.71
Kuala Lumpur	Composite	718.84	721.17	-0.18
Bangkok	SET	Closed	877.52	
Seoul	Composite Stock	763.26	748.87	+0.59
Taipei	Weighted Price	Closed	3,955.51	
Manila	Composite	1,588.98	1,577.41	+0.61
Jakarta	Stock Index	360.54	350.85	+0.05
New Zealand	NZSE-40	1,886.48	1,880.66	+0.35
Bombay	National Index	Closed	1,035.30	

Sources: Reuters, AFP

- Very briefly:**
- South Korea's trade deficit in June widened to \$239 million from \$194 million a year ago; it was blamed on slow exports.
 - China's trade surplus with the United States from January to April reached \$1.1 billion, the China Daily said.
 - A Beijing court has sentenced eight bank executives for taking bribes in return for granting nearly \$13 million in loans.
 - Economic Daily said 33 percent of China's 90,000 foreign-owned ventures currently report losses.
 - PepsiCo Inc. announced its 10th joint venture in China; it will produce and market an existing line of 38 soft drinks made by Asia Beverage Co. and market an existing line of 38 soft drinks made by Asia Beverage Co. and market an existing line of 38 soft drinks made by Asia Beverage Co.
 - Toyota Australia reported record sales in June as buyers moved to head off price rises caused by the strength of the Japanese yen.
 - New Zealand said it would run a slightly larger-than-expected deficit of \$2.28 billion New Zealand dollars (\$1.23 billion) in the current fiscal year.
 - All Nippon Airways Co. appointed Seiji Fukatsu as president.
 - Bank of Japan's foreign-exchange reserves reached \$86.42 billion in June, up 56.96 billion from the end of May.
 - NEC Corp. has set up a European headquarters in Looon.
 - Japan Automobile Dealers Association said vehicle sales in Japan fell 11.6 percent in June, the third consecutive month of declines exceeding 10 percent.
- AFP, Reuters, AP, Bloomberg, AFX

HANOI: Buzzing With Property Boom, the Byword Is 'Buy,' and Quickly

Continued from Page 1

up front in dollars for their properties, and the clients pay for the renovations," said Kathleen Charlton, managing director of Ashton International, a consultancy assisting several big-name American companies in opening representative offices in Hanoi. "But they're getting it because the showrooms don't want to miss out."

The boom has extended to the residential market as well.

"In the past you might have been able to trade one or two motorbikes for a house," said Do Cong Minh, director of the press center at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. "Now it's 10 or 15, and the price of construction is also rising rapidly."

Businessmen are encouraged by signs of new wealth in the north,

measured anecdotally by the squadrons of new motorbikes and the city's increased appetite for ice cream.

But foreigners, recently established in Hanoi want that more than an end to the embargo and a slice of international lending will be required to turn Vietnam operations to profit.

Others worry that without rapid progress in the development of Vietnam's banking, accounting and legal infrastructure, wild optimism may lead to frustration. Said Alex McKinnon, general manager of the Vietnam Investment Review, the country's first English-language business weekly: "It could get a little chaotic."

"Vietnam has made great progress since the liberalization process has begun," said Pham Chi

Japan Filmmaker Seeks Protection After Default

TOKYO — Nikkatsu Corp., a major Japanese movie producer, was suspended Thursday from trading on the Tokyo Stock Exchange after it failed to pay a promissory note of 438 million yen (\$4.1 million) and applied for protection from creditors.

Nikkatsu, established in 1912, was once the leader in Japan's movie industry and had a number of hit films, but its movie business declined along with the broader industry. It started diversifying in the late 1980s, but it was faced with a cash crisis as a result of failed real estate investments.

The company, which said this was the first step toward bankruptcy proceedings, cited debts totaling 49.7 billion yen.

Nikkatsu was dropped from the Nikkei 225 stock index because it would have a volatile effect on the index, a Nikkei executive said. It is the first time since 1985 that a company in the index has applied for protection.

"We have faced severe business circumstances which we have never experienced before," said the president, Masuo Wakamatsu, adding the company would continue operating if it could find a way to restructure.

(AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

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SPORTS BASKETBALL

Orlando Trades Webber For Warriors' Hardaway

By Michael Wilbon
Washington Post Staff Writer

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan — Before a pick had been made in the National Basketball Association draft, the Golden State Warriors' coach, Don Nelson, said it already had been the most fascinating draft day he'd seen in some while. One trade, a blockbuster involving the first and third picks, made Nelson's assessment an understatement.

The Orlando Magic, with the No. 1 pick, indeed selected Michigan's power forward, Chris Webber, but he won't be playing beside Shaquille O'Neal.

After the Philadelphia 76ers took the 7-foot, 6-inch (2.3 meter) Shawn

Bradley from Brigham Young with the No. 2 pick, the 1993 draft became truly memorable.

Golden State, going third, took 6-7 playmaker Anfernee Hardaway from Memphis State, making the trade possible. After the Dallas Mavericks chose Kentucky forward Jamal Mashburn as No. 4, the Warriors swapped Hardaway, and first-round picks in 1996, 1998 and 2001 to Orlando for Webber.

The Magic got the playmaker they wanted to team with O'Neal, and the Warriors got the power player they had sorely missed to play with their stars, guard Tim Hardaway and forwards Chris Mullin and Billy Owens.

Magic officials had flown Hardaway to Orlando on Tuesday for another workout and decided the Memphis State point guard was the player they wanted, Nelson wanted either Webber or Bradley.

The Magic decided to draft Webber, in case Philadelphia picked Hardaway or Golden State pulled out of the deal.

"Our goal was to select the player or players we were using the leverage of having the top pick," said Peter Gabriel, the Magic's player personnel man.

Pat Williams, Orlando's general manager, said, "There's no question we fell in love" with Hardaway. "I've been in basketball for a long time and he showed me things I haven't seen. We've got a guy who will run our ball club for the next 12 or 15 years."

Nelson, in California, told reporters, "This is the year we've got to make a statement with our big people and we did it, without losing any of our nucleus. We've been trying to get size for a long, long time and now we've got a fellow who can play power forward and some center for us."

Bradley, the center who has spent the past two seasons on a Mormon mission in Australia, will play a lot for the 76ers.

After Dallas took Mashburn, the Minnesota Timberwolves, who have an excess of wing shooters and complex personalities, got more in J.R. Rider from Nevada-Las Vegas.

The Washington Bullets, picking sixth, had no quarry at all and took Indiana forward Calbert Cheaney, the consensus college player of the year as a senior.

Most of the first round thereafter went fairly predictable. Duke guard Bobby Hurley went to Sacramento; Hartford's 6-11 Vin Baker was picked by Milwaukee; Wake Forest forward Rodney Rogers, the last of the underclassmen, was taken by Denver; then guards Lindsey Hunter of Jackson State and Allan Hunter of Tennessee were taken by Detroit with its back-to-back picks, causing the Pistons' fans here to cheer so madly one would have thought the clones of Isiah Thomas and Joe Dumars had been selected.

The Clippers' selection of Seton Hall guard Terry Dehere, after the Los Angeles Lakers' choice of North Carolina forward George Lynch with the No. 12 pick, was somewhat a surprise, as was Indiana's choice of Oregon State center Scott Haskin, Utah — after trading with the Timberwolves for 280-pound (127-kilogram) Felton



Costas Patatzoukas escaped France's Stephane Ostrowski (9) and Antoine Rigandou as Greece rallied to win the first quarterfinal, 61-59, on Panagiotis Fasoulas's basket in the last five seconds.

The Little Team That Could: Bosnia

By Christopher Clarey
Special to the Herald Tribune

MUNICH — Emir Halimovic looped a heavy duff bag over his slender shoulder and stepped off the Bosnian basketball team's bus into brilliant sunshine. Nearby in Olympic Park, young lovers rolled by on their bicycles, wrinkled men lunched over a chess table and a well-fed child tottered along a footpath with the help of her father.

The mood was unclouded and peaceful — so different at the airport in Sarajevo in the early hours of April 1.

Halimovic and six of his teammates made their escape that morning, and like hundreds of Sarajevo residents in recent months, they did so under cover of darkness, braving Serbian sniper fire and, dashing across an airport runway to the relative safety of Bosnian-controlled territory.

Three months later, the newly independent nation of Bosnia-Herzegovina continues to lose ground in the brutal war in what was Yugoslavia, but its unlikely basketball team plays on. With only 10 players (the Sarajevo seven and three who played club basketball outside the country last season), the Bosnians managed to reach the quarterfinal round of the European Championships. They were the heaviest of underdogs Thursday night against their former countrymen, the Croats, who kept their perfect record with a 98-75 victory to advance to the semifinals.

But the defeat at this late stage hardly diminished the Bosnians' accomplishments.

"With all the problems we have had and all that we have been through, just making this far is like winning a gold medal in Barcelona," said 33-year-old starting forward Emir Mutapic, who played for the German club team ALBA Berlin last season. "You have to understand, our seven players coming from Sarajevo had not even touched a ball in 12 months."

That was because all seven were serving in the Bosnian Army. Four were on the front lines: Adis Beciragic, Senad Begovic, Ilija Masnic and Senir Avdic. Masnic, the oldest player on the team at 35, lost a brother during the fighting. Avdic, an officer, lost several men under his command.

"The last time I held a ball in my hand before we left Sarajevo was April 1992," said Avdic, 26. "But I never stopped thinking about basketball, and in some way, the hope of playing again helped me survive. But I really don't want to talk about my experiences anymore. All that will happen is that you will write it down and the people will read it and then forget it in a few days."

The creative force behind the Bosnian team is Mirza Delibasic, a star with Bosnia Sarajevo and Real Madrid in the 1970s and '80s.

With the blessing of his government and some outside financial help, he has largely succeeded. Eight of the 10 players in Munich are Bosnian Muslims, the other two are Bosnian Croats: guard Goran Fric and forward Mario Primorac, a teammate of Mutapic's at ALBA Berlin.

"Our message with this team is that if we can all play together and live together, then our country, too,

can live together," Mutapic said. "In fact, it must."

But as Mutapic and his teammates are well aware, such idealism is rapidly losing ground to political reality.

The basketball world remains kinder plier, however. "I know very well what it's like to be in Sarajevo," said Avdic. "But I don't want to see politics into this game. Sport is one of the only things that is still clean in our lives. Let us keep it that way."

Croatian stars Dino Radja and Toni Kukoc donated money and equipment to the Bosnians, who trained in Zagreb, the Croatian capital, for several weeks after their departure from Sarajevo.

"Those people came from Sarajevo with only the shirts on their backs," said Masnic. "I have friends in Sarajevo, and I can't forget my friends. I just put a bunch of stuff into two big boxes and sent it to Zagreb."

Meanwhile, the Croatian basketball federation was arranging for the Bosnians to use a bus from the coastal city of Dubrovnik. The bus would prove quite useful in the peripatetic months ahead. From Zagreb, the team traveled to Trieste, Italy, to train with former Bosnia Sarajevo coach Bogdan Tanjic. Returning to Zagreb, it headed north to Breslau, Poland, to play in the special qualifying tournament for the European Championships. Surprisingly, it finished 4-2 and earned a spot in the expanded 16-team European field.

After a sidetrip to France for the Mediterranean Games, the Bosnians drove east for the first round of the European Championships in Karlsruhe, Germany, where the adventure should logically have come to a quiet halt. After losing to Russia and Spain, the Bosnians' only hope of reaching the second round was to beat Sweden by 15 points. They won by 20.

In the next round, Bosnia's only hope of advancing was for Russia to beat heavily favored Italy by at least 20. The Russians won by 26.

"Incredible," said Primorac. "Our goal was really just to make the European championships. We never thought seriously about the final eight."

Apparently, the organizing committee in Munich didn't think so either. In the Olympiastadion here, the giant flag of the competing nations. But when the quarterfinals began Thursday morning, the only Bosnia-Herzegovina flag that could be found was four times smaller than the others.

It might have been poetic justice, but the Bosnians were having none of it. By the time they tipped off against the Croats, the miniature flag had been replaced by a larger version. The Bosnians had brought it along on their bus.

■ Greece, Russia in Semis

Center Panagiotis Fasoulas's jump shot for three seconds left gave Greece a 61-59 victory over France and a place in the semifinals, news agencies reported.

Germany beat Spain, 79-77, in overtime on Christian Weid's last-second jumper. Russia beat Estonia, 82-61. Russia, with a nine-point lead at halftime, began the second period with a 10-2 run and was not threatened again. (AP, Reuters)

4 Years Later, Radja And Celtics Reach Deal

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics' eagerness to beef up their front court took them back to 1989 and across the Atlantic.

The team reached an agreement on Wednesday with the 6-foot, 10-inch (2.08-meter) power forward Dino Radja of Croatia, its second-round draft pick four years ago.

The Celtics' senior executive vice president, Dave Gavitt, announced the deal Monday before the draft.

"Dino has, without question, made himself into one of the two best players in Europe, along with Toni Kukoc," Gavitt said. "We have been making a lot of efforts for a long time to put him in a Celtic uniform."

Kukoc was freed from his contract in Europe and is expected to sign with the Chicago Bulls.

Radja is playing with Croatia in the European Championships in Munich. Gavitt said he would come to Boston next week, after the tournament ends, to sign a contract and work out with the team.

Radja was under contract to IL Messaggero in Italy but had the right to terminate it until July 15. Details of the agreement with the Celtics were not announced.

With their two picks in 1989, the

Celtics took the forward Michael Smith in the first round and Radja in the second. Smith no longer is playing in the NBA.

"It might be the best 40th pick ever in the draft," Gavitt said, "because, in our own opinion, if he were in tonight's draft we'd be looking at a guy who would be up there in the lottery area."

Boston's need for front court help became serious when Larry Bird retired before last season and Kevin McHale retired at the end of it. Center Robert Parish may retire after next season.

"Putting Dino along with Ed Pinckney and Alaa Abdelnaby, we have three guys who are 6-10, 6-10, 6-9," Gavitt said. "A couple can swing to the backup center position as well."

He added, "He's a good strong rebounder, runs the floor well, obviously a good shooter from medium range, and he's really been a really tough player in these European championships."

"As with any European player," Gavitt continued, "there will be a transition period that will be important to him."

"I think that's why this summer is important," he said, referring to workouts with the Celtics.

Who Went Where in the NBA's Draft

- FIRST ROUND**
- Orlando, Chris Webber, 23, Philadelphia.
 - Philadelphia, Shawn Bradley, 23, Utah.
 - Golden State, Anfernee Hardaway, 6-7, Memphis State.
 - Dallas, Jamal Mashburn, 6-7, Kentucky.
 - Minnesota, Scottie Pippen, 6-8, UNLV.
 - Washington, Gilbert Christy, 6-7, Indiana.
 - Sacramento, Bobby Hurley, 6-6, Duke.
 - Milwaukee, Rodney Rogers, 6-7, Wake Forest.
 - Denver, Rodney Rogers, 6-7, Wake Forest.
 - Detroit, Lindsey Hunter, 6-7, Jackson State.
 - Detroit, Allan Hunter, 6-7, Tennessee.
 - Los Angeles, George Lynch, 6-7, North Carolina.
 - Los Angeles Clippers, Terry Dehere, 6-7, Seton Hall.
 - Indiana, Scott Haskin, 6-8, Oregon State.
 - Albany, Douglas Edwards, 6-7, Florida State.
 - New Jersey, Rex Walters, 6-8, Kansas.
 - Charlotte, Greg Graham, 6-7, Indiana.
 - Utah, Luther Wright, 6-7, Seton Hall.
 - Blazers, Earl Clark, 6-7, Charlotte.
 - Portland, Scott Barnes, 6-7, Connecticut.
 - Portland, James Foster, 6-7, Arizona.
 - Seattle, Chris Mills, 6-7, Arizona.
 - Seattle, Ervin Johnson, 6-7, New Orleans.
 - Houston, Sam Cassell, 6-7, Florida State.
 - Chicago, Carl Blount, 6-7, Cincinnati.
 - Orlando, Ibram Henry, 6-7, Georgia Tech.
 - Orlando, Georj Hammon, 6-7, LSU.
 - Phoenix, Maccasin Macklin, 6-7, Georgia Tech.
- SECOND ROUND**
- Dallas, Luchus Harris, 6-7, Long Beach State.
 - Minnesota, Sherman Miller, 6-7, Virginia Commonwealth.
 - Washington, George Murren, 6-7, Romania.
 - Sacramento, Ernie

Police Take In 10 Marseille Players for Questioning

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

FONT ROMEU, France — The police took virtually the entire first team of Olympique Marseille in for questioning Thursday about France's growing soccer bribery allegations.

The Clippers' selection of Seton Hall guard Terry Dehere, after the Los Angeles Lakers' choice of North Carolina forward George Lynch with the No. 12 pick, was somewhat a surprise, as was Indiana's choice of Oregon State center Scott Haskin, Utah — after trading with the Timberwolves for 280-pound (127-kilogram) Felton

clothes officers arrived and marched the players out of their hotel. They were taken to a nearby Interior Ministry holiday center, where the interrogation was conducted.

The players were Bastie Boli, Eric Di Meo, Bernard Casson, Jocelyn Angloma, Jean-Philippe Durand, Rudi Voller, Marcel Deshayes, Didier Deschamps, Jean-Christophe Thomas, Jean-Marc Ferreri, Alan Boksic and goalkeeper Fabien Barthez.

Burruchaga's teammate, Christophe Robert, and Marseille's Jean-Jacques Eydiche, who is accused by the Valenciennes players of acting as intermediary on the bribe, have already been

Spencer before the draft and then taking Seton Hall center Luther Wright, who weighs in excess of 300 — now have a curious collection of big men, including the incumbent 7-4, 300-pound Mark Eaton.

Somewhat amazingly, the three-time champion Chicago Bulls wound up smiling as they got 6-10 center forward Corie Blount from Cincinnati, No. 25. The runner-up Phoenix Suns got 6-10 center-forward Malcolm Mackley from Georgia Tech.

In a draft supposedly weak at the point guard position, three players went in the top 10. The first round had a remarkably even distribution by position until there was a late run on big players who aren't expected to have much impact.

The Bulls continued that trend early in the second round by taking George Murren, a 7-7, 315-pound center who played for Pau Orthez in France this year. Murren said the only English he knows is, "I love this game," which brought a roar from those left of what had been a crowd of 15,324 at The Palace.

The Magic, with pick No. 26, took Geert Hammink, the 7-foot Dutch center who was O'Neal's backup for two years at LSU.

Still, the lasting memory from the 1993 draft will be the trade. Hardaway and Webber both said they had no idea a deal was cooking; the clubs didn't notify the league and Commissioner David Stern until 7:30, when the draft began. Hardaway was being interviewed when he was told, and threw the Golden State hat he'd been sporting into the first row of spectators. It was soon retrieved, then swapped for Webber's Magic cap.

"Knowing Nellie," Webber said, "this is going to work out for the best. I told him when I was out there, 'I hope you get a guy taller

than me 'cause I don't want to play center. I'm not a center, so I'm telling him again."

While it took some time for Webber to warm up to going so far from his home in Detroit, Hardaway was thrilled. He and O'Neal have been filming the movie "Blue Chips" in Southern California with Nick Nolte and Louis Gossett Jr.

■ Magic Change Coaches

Matt Guokas, who coached the Magic their first four in the NBA, was replaced before the draft by an assistant, Brian Hill. The Associated Press reported.

Guokas was reassigned to the front office as vice president of basketball development. He insisted it was a job he sought and that the move was not related to his feelings about the team's draft plans.

Hill, 45, was his assistant for three years, after four years in the same job with the Atlanta Hawks.

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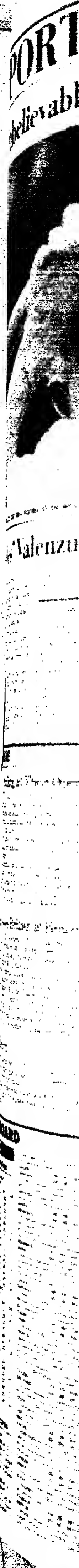
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Choosing a Doctor

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Like everybody else in America, I want the right to choose my own doctor. What I'd like from the government, however, is some good advice on how to do it.

When I was fresh out of school it was easy. Having attended college with several people who went on to medical school, I simply phoned one or two and asked them which doctors to take my troubles to and which ones to avoid. Being young, therefore gossipy and indifferent to the discipline of the medical lodge, they told me.

Life separated us. After 10 years practicing in the Texas Panhandle and points west, old school pals were no longer much help when I had to choose a doctor in New York. The fractious intern who had once warned you not to let a certain surgeon work on your appendix because incisions left him too confused to tell kidneys from the islets of Langerhans was becoming suspiciously discreet. After allowing that Mengele was a disgrace to the profession, he never spoke ill of another doctor.

As a matter of fact, how often do you bear a patient speak ill of his doctor? When my old medical-school pals became too gray and calcified to divulge the straight dope on which doctors to choose and not choose, I turned to friends and colleagues who were sick a lot. Would they recommend their own doctors? They would, and they did. And with what glowing praise! Listening to these frequently treated patients, you would have thought we were in a golden age of competence.

These people, always ready to denounce their fellow workers and colleagues as too incompetent to pour big water out of a bucket, almost universally agreed by the high quality of their own doctors. Since none of them knew any more medicine than you can learn by subscribing to the Reader's Digest, I was puzzled about the enthusiasm with which they recommended their doctors.

Surely incompetence must be distributed in the medical profession at much the same rate as among other workers — carpenters, say, or journalists. Statistics would demand it, wouldn't they?

The medical field might even have a higher percentage of incompetents than most because of all the money and time it takes to become a doctor.

Yet, when trying to choose a doctor from among those treating your friends, it seemed you couldn't go wrong picking one at random. Gradually I realized that the friends dispensing this praise all had one thing in common: They were alive. Being habitues of doctors' offices, I reasoned, they worry excessively about being told their time is up.

Something about going to the doctor promotes this particular doctor's office until it's obvious I have only a few minutes left to live. At these times, blessedly, I don't have to grapple with the insuperable problem of deciding whether the doctor is competent enough for me to choose him as my own. For pronouncing me officially dead, any boob will do.

Leaving a doctor's office alive always makes my day. I assume my friends who can't get enough of doctors' offices come to believe it is medical genius that keeps them available to sunlight and bill collectors.

The truth, I fear, is that most of their doctors are only moderately competent while two or three may be highly dangerous bunglers, like those about whom my medical-school pals of long ago used to tell hilariously hair-raising tales. These hair raisings no longer seem hilarious, now that I have to exercise that great American right to choose my own doctor without anyone reliable to guide me. Come to think of it, why did I ever think those old medical-school pals were reliable?

If one had settled nearby I would probably choose to make him my own doctor and make threats against Hillary Clinton if she tried to stop me. Yet, for all I know he could well be that nightmare imagined by the comedian George Carlin: the statistically inevitable worst doctor in the world, with whom somebody has an appointment tomorrow morning.

New York Times Service

The Dave-Beth-Earnest Conglomerate

By Sarah Lyall

New York Times Service

MIAMI — It is a true-to-life television show were made about Dave Barry, much of it would consist of Barry, a humor writer, sprawled in front of his computer screen, procrastinating.

Sometimes he would get up and play his electric guitar, a Fender Stratocaster. About four times a day, he might feel unwell and distract himself with a peanut butter sandwich (no jelly). And sometimes, he would admire one of the inexplicable items strewn about his office, like a plastic replica of "The Last Supper" with a clock stuck in the corner.

"A lot of people look at 'The Last Supper,' which is by Leonardo da Vinci, and they say, 'What's missing there is a clock,'" Barry said during an interview in his office, next to the laundry room in his airy new house in the heart of suburban South Miami. "I'm sure that if he had only lived — or lived to see quartz technology developed — he would have definitely put a clock in."

Oddly enough, at least in his opinion, Barry will indeed be the subject of a new situation comedy on CBS this fall. Called "Dave's World," it is about a humor columnist for a Miami newspaper much like Barry's real employer, The Miami Herald, who is struggling to grow up in the face of such responsibilities as a wife, children and a job. It's low on scenes of Barry sitting around his office.

The show is just the latest step in Barry's metamorphosis from a regular suburban guy writing a weekly column into a full-scale humor conglomerate. In addition to writing his syndicated column, Barry contributes features to the Herald, has written more than half a dozen books that have sold more than a million copies and, most recently, has been playing rock 'n' roll with a ragtag band of mostly famous writers called the Rock Bottom Remainders.

His books include "Dave Barry Does Japan," "Dave Barry's Only Travel Guide You'll Ever Need" and "Dave Barry Slept Here," a history book that includes the fact that Abraham Lincoln's home was a log cabin "that consisted entirely of one single log." Some books do better than others: "Dave Barry Turns 40" spent 24 weeks on The New York Times best-seller list.

Barry, who won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 1988, said he had seen the "Dave's World" pilot, in which he is played by Harry Anderson. He is reserving judgment.

"Some of the specific jokes they use are basically things I'd written in my columns," he said. "But I have to accept that since I've never written a plot, they have to provide one." (They also took away one of his two dogs and added a second child,



Dave Barry makes his living by taking prosaic ideas to incongruous extremes.

which might actually prove helpful for tax purposes, Barry said.)

He rejected the chance to write for the more than half a dozen books that have sold more than a million copies and, most recently, has been playing rock 'n' roll with a ragtag band of mostly famous writers called the Rock Bottom Remainders.

Being the subject of a situation comedy is a far cry from working as an effective writing instructor, which Barry once did. He also worked as a reporter in West Chester, Pennsylvania, assigned to cover "every aspect of sewage." He was beginning to reminisce about his sewage days when his wife, Beth, came in with a tray of brownies. She is an editor of the Herald's Sunday magazine, Tropic, and in the Barry house, she serves as something of an editor, too. It is unusual for her to be transporting baked goods, and when Barry unwisely asked if she planned to can some preserves next, she pointedly reminded him of an impending appointment and left.

Barry makes his living by taking prosaic ideas to incongruous extremes. It is hard to place him in the spectrum of American humor writers. He is more versatile than Erma Bombeck, sweeter than P. J. O'Rourke and sillier than just about everyone. His mock transcript of the 1991 Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings, for instance, starred Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts hiding his face under a paper bag and the oatmeal-voiced Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina saying, through a translator, "Someone has colored my hair with what appears to be Tang breakfast drink."

In Barry's universe, every New York taxi driver has a posted sign saying, "Driver hates you," and English spelling is unusual because "our language is a rich verbal tapestry woven together from the tongues of the Greeks, the Latins, the Angles, the Klaxtons, the Celts, and many other ancient peoples, all of whom had severe drinking problems."

Barry said that while he doesn't think his life is aggressively funny, humor is born of the ordinary. "I think humor comes from noticing that the world is already strange and weird and scary, and

laughter is a mechanism for dealing with it," he said.

Barry said that he is "a good 5 feet 9 inches, 5 feet 10 inches, or, as we say when we're that tall, 6 feet." He looks startlingly young, with a sweetly goofy demeanor and straight hair worn long in the back.

"The holiday of hair for me was the Beale era," he said. "It always looks like this. I go to this woman who she waxes and works at it and sprays and mousties it and it looks great. It looks like a grown-up had it. But then something — 'minutes later I see myself in a shopping center window, and it's back.'"

"The price? Twenty dollars, not including the cost of clearing the airport."

His house is vast, big and white and cool. Two things were particularly noticeable. Unpacked boxes were strewn everywhere, holdovers from several months ago when the Barrys and their son, Robby, 12, moved from their old house, which Hurricane Andrew had turned into, Barry said, "world of crud."

The walls were completely bare. After trying to pretend that he had unpacked the rest of his family had not, Barry said, "Both Beth and I are terminally aesthetically impaired people. We never have anything on our walls. If we're really lucky, we'll move into a house where there's still rectangles of dirt from where the other people had stuff on their walls, so we know where it should go."

In raced two familiar characters from Barry's columns: Earnest, his large main dog, with long black hair and a dead, wagging tail, and Zippy, the smaller, back-up dog, who has a sand-colored coat and might well be a little slower mentally than Earnest. Earnest, who was named for her sincerity, likes to lie under Barry's desk and bark, while Zippy just waits for people to drop things for him to eat.

"The dog on the television show is clearly smarter than my dogs, because on command it ran up and jumped on a bed," Barry said, leaning out his office window. Robby, in a wheelchair because of a broken leg, was being carted around the yard by some stringy teenage friends. "If you break any of his other bones," his father called, "I will personally have to kill you."

Barry loves Miami, having remained there despite numerous offers of jobs in Los Angeles, Washington and New York. But he is not averse to giving it the gentle hand time he gives everything else.

He describes a German tourist who met up with some car hijackers. Was she shot? he was asked. "They didn't shoot her," he said. "Let's be fair. They ran her over." Then he cheerily waved good-bye and said, "Whatever you do, don't get out of your car."

PEOPLE

A West End Epitaph: Critics Raised a Stink

The Naimur Islam republic will have to find more fertile ground for its foreign investment program: Skip London's West End. The republic, whose principal export is guano, invested \$1.5 million (\$2.25 million) in the "Leonardo," an imagined story of Leonardo da Vinci's love for Mona Lisa. "The audience who came loved the show, but the critics made a lot of cruel and unnecessary remarks about funding," said Nigel Everett of the Strand.

And another musical failed to survive the critics, this time in Berlin. "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," based on the life of Marlene Dietrich, folded after a three-month run in the late star's hometown. Critics panned the confusing story line, which jumped between Dietrich's career and modern German actors doing a Marlene show. It was revamped to eliminate the modern side of the story but still did not draw audiences. Its producer, Friedrich Katz, who had hoped to keep the show on until the year 2000, said critics were too high and audiences too low to continue.

Louis Begley, the Harvard lawyer who became an award-winning novelist, is the new president of the American Center of PEN. Begley replaces Edmund Keeley.

Carol Burnett banned a hardhat and let out one of her Teram yells at the dusty, 12-acre (5-acre) site construction site of an arts center. "Perfect acoustics," she said after surprising construction workers with the noise. Burnett and the actor Cliff Robertson then said \$600,707 had been raised this year to support the California Center for the Arts at Escondido.

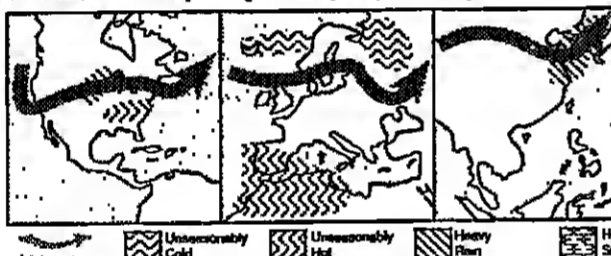
Mary Courtney Kennedy, daughter of Ethel and the late Robert F. Kennedy, has married Paul Michael Hill, one of the Guildford Four, who were wrongfully imprisoned for IRA bombings. The private ceremony was in Belfast.

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WEATHER

Forecast for Saturday through Monday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

Table with weather forecasts for Europe, including cities like Algiers, Amsterdam, Ankara, Athens, Barcelona, Beijing, Bogota, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Dublin, Edinburgh, Geneva, Hong Kong, Istanbul, Jakarta, London, Los Angeles, Madrid, Manila, Mexico City, Moscow, New York, Osaka, Paris, Rome, Seoul, Singapore, Taipei, Tokyo, and Washington.



North America: Hot, humid weather is expected this weekend from St. Louis, MO, to Norfolk, Va. New York City to Boston will have warm weather this weekend, followed by hot weather Monday. Heavy thunderstorms will drench the northern Plains. San Francisco and Los Angeles will be pleasant.

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CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution to the puzzle of July 1 and a reference to Eugene Maleski's New York Times crossword.

If you're going to travel all over the map, here's how to call from almost any point on it.

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